

IA-IL Chapter \$2000 STEM SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Jared Abbott is a senior at Orion High School with an unweighted GPA of 3.82 and an SAT score of 1470. He is a National Merit Commended Scholar, an Illinois State Scholar, National Honor Society Vice President, a Fellowship of Christian Athletes member, and a Student Council member. Last year, Jared received the Illinois State Commendation toward Biliiteracy for Spanish.

Although academics are his main priority, Jared currently participates in First Tech Challenge where he has been designing and fabricating robot components for the past two years. He has run varsity Track for four years, played football for two years, was previously involved in FFA, and occasionally volunteers for local charities.

Whenever Jared is not at school or a school-related activity, he enjoys working on his family farm, which consists of beef cattle and crops, or engaging in one of his many hobbies, which include blacksmithing, carpentry, and auto mechanics.

Jared plans to attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to major in Mechanical Engineering and minor in Bioengineering with a goal of designing devices for use in the medical field, such as imaging technology or prosthetics.



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Jared is being presented his NDIA Scholarship Certificate by George Rivard, Chapter President, and Celia Hadden, Chapter STEM coordinator, at the QCESC annual banquet held at the Putnam Museum in Davenport.



Jared, shown above with his proud mother, Julie, and below with his grandfather, Tom Beveridge. Mr. Beveridge is a mechanical engineer and graduate of the University of Illinois. Jared is certainly following in his grandfather's footsteps.

