

# Waconia nominates two for ExCEL award



Emma Lohman

Waconia High School is proud to announce that Emma Lohman and Armando Corona-Armenta, juniors at WHS were selected as the school's 2016 ExCEL Award candidates.

## **Emma Lohman**

Emma Lohman, daughter of Lori and Alan Lohman, has been active in Swimming, Band and Choir. Her athletic accomplishments in Swimming include three Varsity letters, three Gold awards for Spotlight on Scholarship, selected Most Improved during her 8th grade season and voted team captain in 2015. Emma helped set a new school record as a member of the 200 Free Relay team and the 400 Free Relay team.

Emma's fine art activities are many including Band, Choir, and Show Choir. Emma lettered as a member of the Marching Band and also participates in numerous pep band events. Emma is a member of the Waconia High School Choir and Show Choir. As a member of the Choir, Emma has earned a Varsity letter and a Superior and Excellent rating in contest. Academically, Emma has been on the Waconia High School "A" honor roll with a 4.0 average from 9th through 11th grade earning two Academic Letters, all while taking Advanced Placement courses.

Emma is also a member of the National Honor Society. She is extremely involved with 4-H as a Youth Leader and Vice President and has placed 8th and 2nd respectively at the Minnesota State Fair in Llama Showmanship and Llama Interview categories.

In her "spare time" Emma volunteers in her Church Community, collects food for the Waconia Food Shelf, volunteers at Ridgeview Hospital and with Feed My Starving Children. Emma shared this about volunteering with the Waconia Food Shelf, "Sometimes all they need is a listening ear and... to hear "Have a good day."



Armando Corona-Armenta

### **Armando Corona-Armenta**

Armando Corona-Armenta, son of Odia Corona, has been active in Soccer and Track. His athletic accomplishments in Soccer include earning two varsity letters and being selected by his teammates and coaches as “Best All Around” in 2013. Armando is a strong competitor on the Track and Field team where he competes in the 800 Meter and 1600 Meter events.

Armando is also very active in Fine Arts as a member of the Marching Band, Jazz Band, WHS Chamber Choir and the Show Choir. Armando was awarded a Superior Rating at Section Contest for both his vocal and instrumental solos. Academically, Armando has been on the Waconia High School Honor Roll from 9th through 11th grade. Other school activities Armando is a member of include: Conservation Club, International Club and Peer Mentoring.

In his “spare time” Armando spends countless hours volunteering as a member of his church youth group and church band and enjoys helping at Feed My Starving Children and Youthworks. Armando shared this about his volunteer experiences at Youthworks, “Even the smallest kind gestures seemed to have such a powerful effect on everyone we helped.”