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Sheyenne High School Student Earns All American Honors

WEST FARGO, ND – (April 26, 2017) – Sheyenne High School senior Angeline Utomo has earned the prestigious Academic All American Award through her involvement in the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA). She is only the second Sheyenne student to hold this honor. NSDA Executive Director J. Scott Wunn adds, "This coveted award recognizes academic rigor, competitive success, and personal excellence."

The NSDA awards the Academic All American to fewer than 500 students annually out of the more than 141,000 student members. In order to earn this distinguished accomplishment, a student must complete five semesters of high school, earn the degree of Superior Distinction in the NSDA Honor Society (a total of 750 or more merit points), achieve rigorous criteria for GPA and/or test score requirements, and demonstrate outstanding character and leadership.

Head speech coach Kelsey Johnson is impressed with Utomo's strong moral compass and positive character. "She is humble and gracious in winning and defeat; traits her coaches strive to instill in all team members," Johnson says. "Angeline is an example and inspiration to others."

The National Speech and Debate Association was created in 1925 to provide recognition and support for students participating in speech and debate activities. The organization connects, supports, and inspires individuals and schools devoted to giving middle school, high school, and collegiate students access to speech and debate.