

Neighbor & Classified

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Daily Herald Leadership Team



Jane Boettcher
Naperville North High School

Hometown: Naperville
Class: Senior
Parents: Michael Boettcher, Irene Boettcher
Sponsor: Emily Richardson, instructor and learning support coach
Community service: The Merry Tutor, founded the nonprofit organization that provides free tutoring and offers high school students the opportunity to volunteer as tutors. Also created and designed the website at themerrytutor.org; The Field Museum Youth Council; Future Problem Solving Club, cofounder of the club at Naperville North
Personal statement: "I've learned, through projects like The Merry Tutor and Future Problem Solving, that so many people want to change the world. And that being a pioneer means more than leaving your own legacy. It means making people believe they can make a difference too."
Sponsor's endorsement: "At our particular high school, the majority of the students are high-achieving, ambitious, driven and very academically successful. Yet, Jane has a perspective that is both introspective and conscientious, allowing her to transfer information in a much more meaningful way."



James Doudourekas
Benet Academy

Hometown: Downers Grove
Class: Senior
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos Doudourekas
Sponsor: Amy Wesley, college counselor
Community service: Boy Scouts Of America-Troop 99; Wheaton Math Circle, volunteer teaching; Redwing Engineering and Design Team, founded team to initiate and execute engineering projects; Darien Park District and Indian Boundary YMCA, volunteer summer camp counselor; peer tutoring in physics
Personal statement: "I want to be a mentor to others during and after my engineering career. When I joined Boy Scouts, several older Scouts went out of their way to give me advice and teach me new skills. They also explained and demonstrated the integrity, morals, honor, and leadership that were expected of me. As a senior Scout, I greatly enjoy giving this knowledge to new members of the troop."
Sponsor's endorsement: "James has an old soul. If you have the opportunity to meet with him, I think you'll feel it, too, by his thoughtful conversation and willingness to know that he doesn't know it all."



Lilia Garcia
Addison Trail High School

Hometown: Addison
Class: Senior
Parents: Agata Kuczynska-Garcia
Sponsor: Mark Olson, social studies teacher
Community service: Field Museum volunteer; Marklund Children's Home; Blazer Ambassadors; Tri-M Honors Society; Relay For Life
Personal statement: "There has never been a time where I've felt happier than when I've helped another person. Volunteering is something that not only brings me great joy, but also teaches me about the importance of community among citizens. I've become much more appreciative of my own life, and I am able to understand difficult problems others may rather ignore. Being able to lend a hand to someone in need, or inspire a child to follow their dreams, and seeing how it improves someone's day, has inspired me to continue dedicating my time to serving my community."
Sponsor's endorsement: "Lilia is a top-notch young woman. Every day Lilia exemplifies the highest standard of which all others should attempt to reach academically and through her participation in various extracurricular activities."



**Delaney Gibbons
Taylor Morrissey**
Naperville Central High School

Hometown: Both from Naperville
Class: Both Seniors
Parents: Lisa and Dan Gibbons; Bob and Jennifer Morrissey
Sponsor: Kim McIver
Community service: Started the Dodgin' 4 Lou Gehrig's Disease Dodgeball Tournament in 2011 when they found out their gym teacher's wife (Denise DiMarzo) had been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. The annual event has raised more than \$100,000 for the Les Turner ALS foundation.
Delaney's personal statement: "There are so many rewards from just volunteering, such as the satisfaction of helping others and fulfilling one's obligation to be a responsible member of their community. Volunteering often affords us an opportunity to understand how someone in need feels and what they go through."
Taylor's personal statement: "She (Denise DiMarzo) has taught me to never give up, to always stay positive no matter the situation, and, most importantly, not to take life for granted."
Sponsor's endorsement: "I am so incredibly proud of Delaney and Taylor. They are true role models."



Julia Hildebrand
Wheaton Warrenville

Hometown: Wheaton
Class: Senior
Parents: Tom and Patty Hildebrand
Sponsor: Craig M. Lawrence, English department chairman
Community service: J. Kyle Leadership Foundation; Holy service project; Athletic Leadership Council; Ronald McDonald H Advisory Board; Athletic Stu
Personal statement: "I strc that my purpose in life is to strengths of compassion, se integrity, and reliability in or for others. It is my goal to education and life work to others during the most vuln difficult times of their lives, have learned from volunteer a significant role in helping this goal."
Sponsor's endorsement: "she is organizing hundreds to do service as part of our 'of Caring' event; collecting the families staying at our McDonald House; or helping with disabilities open their Christmas Eve each year, Ju inspires me with her dedica helping others."



Jacob Kelleher
Glenbard West High School

Hometown: Glen Ellyn
Class: Senior
Parents: Bob & Pam Kelleher
Sponsor: Christine Lubinecki, counselor



Renata Leighton
Glenbard East High School

Hometown: Lombard
Class: Senior
Parents: Lauren Cheeks and Jason Leighton
Sponsor: David Krodal



Natasha Nath
Neuqua Valley High School

Hometown: Naperville
Class: Senior
Parents: Raj and Roopa Nath
Sponsor: Shawna Stanley, counselor



AJ Panganiban
St. Francis High School

Hometown: Glendale Heights
Class: Senior
Parents: Marlo and Tess Panganiban
Sponsor: Trudy Rigney, director of guidance



Elizabeth Spurlock
Wheaton North High

Hometown: Wheaton
Class: Senior
Parents: Lynne Pauly

Page County Leadership Team honorable mentions

Arwal Hematics Academy



ty board; Morton Arboretum, Children's Garden volunteer; Young Life; World Relief of DuPage; "Let's Talk About It" Suicide Awareness Campaign



Eric Chang

Braid Leadership Foundation Nomination and appointment; Athletic Leadership Council, selected to serve on committee; Donations to needy people in the Dominican Republic; Buddy Baseball, volunteering and mentoring; Key Club school organization

Janelle Finch

Neuqua Valley High School

Hometown: Naperville

Class: Senior

Parents: Thomas and Tina Finch

Sponsor: Heather Fong, guidance counselor

Community service: St. Edmund's Church, youth ministry, church acolyte; Jack and Jill of America Inc., West Suburban Chicago Chapter, Teen Committee



Janelle Finch

counselor

Community service: West Suburban Leadership Conference; New Beginnings tutor; mentoring, National Honor Society; Progress Leader volunteer



Casey King

Sydney L. Narot

Lisle Senior High School

Hometown: Lisle

Class: Senior

Parents: Adam and Amy Narot

Sponsor: Erin Kern, high school English teacher

Community service: Trinity Lutheran Church, Sunday school teacher; Lisle Senior High School Student Congress, fundraiser volunteer as class president; Lisle Senior High School Key Club, volunteer at different events in the community; Friends Feeding Families



Sydney Narot

Shelter (PADS) volunteer; Bajaj Rural Development Lab, distance tutoring in Wardha, India; Learn and Educate, tutoring to fund girl's education in India; Teach for India, Pant Nagar Public School, Mumbai; volunteer classroom teacher; Education for Empowerment, Now; Conant Service Club

Melina Thurmond

Glenbard West High School

Hometown: Carol Stream

Class: Senior

Parents: Jennifer Thurmond

Sponsor: Nicholas Posegay, social studies teacher

Community service: West Students Making a Difference Ugly Sweater Run volunteer; Crop Walk volunteer; Sleep Out Saturday volunteer; PADS volunteer; This Run's For Jack volunteer



Melina Thurmond

Vadini Agrawal

Community service: Yuda Bands, sold handmade made by women in to raise money to dren there; Key Club, service; volunteer 's Garden at Lisle return; tutor at iting Center; DuPage useum assistant

Andrea Cruz

Benet Academy

Hometown: Warrenville

Class: Senior

Parents: Gabriela Cruz

Sponsor: Amy Wesley, college counselor

Community service: Waterleaf Women's Center Teen Advisory Board; Ronald McDonald House Charity Teen Advisory Board (Edward Hospital chapter); National Honor Society; S.A.L.T (Serving And Loving Together) Campus ministry



Andrea Cruz

Belda

Central High School



Allison Albelda

House, autism walk vice president of the at The Community ial Olympics coach; Corner volunteer

Jessica Davis

Montini Catholic High School

Hometown: Darien

Class: Senior

Parents: Robert and Marcy Davis

Sponsor: Danielle Monroe

Community service: Ray Graham volunteer; Celebrate Differences, helped those with special needs; IAJHSC Leadership camp junior counselor; Miss Amazing beauty pageant; Interscholastic Equestrian Association



Jessica Davis

Dillon Hammond

Naperville North High School

Hometown: Naperville

Class: Senior

Parents: Troy and Sharlene Hammond

Sponsor: Geoffrey Schmit

Community service: FIRST Lego League Double Qualifying State Tournament volunteer; FIRST Lego League team mentoring; Blessings in a Backpack volunteer; El Salvador mission work



Dillon Hammond

Madison Kranz

Metea Valley High School

Hometown: Aurora

Class: Senior

Parents: Gregory & Susan

Sponsor: Bob Vozza

Community service: Unity for Community Football Game, fundraising for local food pantries, Kicking Hunger Food Drive, fundraising for local food pantries, Confirmation retreat, church group volunteering to teach younger peers; Homecoming Color Scavenger Hunt; vacation Bible school



Madison Kranz

Sean Norris

Fenton High School

Hometown: Wood Dale

Class: Senior

Parents: John and Kristy Norris

Sponsor: Carol Smith, director of community relations

Community service: Teen volunteer for the Field Museum; a "pass runner" for guidance office; helped to organize Fenton's mock election; youth group volunteer at St. Luke Church.



Sean Norris

Leslie Tolentino

Addison Trail High School

Hometown: Addison

Class: Senior

Parents: Mayra Munoz

Sponsor: Jorge De Leon, social worker

Community service: PADS, helped at a homeless shelter; Feed My Starving Children; Little Prince Day Care's summer field trips; Summer volunteer at Villa Park Library; Salt Creek cleanup



Leslie Tolentino

Ossie

Go Community



Megan Bossle

olor; Trinity Lutheran School, volunteer at its; National Honor munity service; Legacy Elite volunteer at meets

Khalid Davis

Glenbard North High School

Hometown: Hanover Park

Class: Senior

Parents: Rosaline Lewis

Sponsor: Kim Munro, counselor

Community service: Key Club, volunteer-based service club; St. Baldrick's Day, had a role in organizing the event; VietNow, helped provide meals to homeless veterans; Northern Illinois Food Bank, volunteered on two separate occasions in 2013 and 2014; Tutored French at STRIVE



Khalid Davis

Jim Kenneally

IC Catholic Prep

Hometown: Elmhurst

Class: Senior

Parents: Jim and Maureen

Sponsor: Donald Moore

Community service: Young Hearts for Life; Kairos religious retreat; Immaculate Conception Parish mission trip; Immaculate Conception Parish Eucharistic minister; Knights of Columbus fish fry volunteer



Jim Kenneally

Deirdre Lee

IC Catholic Prep

Hometown: Lisle

Class: Senior

Parents: Timothy Lee and Deborah Lundeen

Sponsor: Cindy Thomas, English department chair

Community service: Hope for Tomorrow volunteer; Women's Center for Health volunteer



Deirdre Lee

Eric Lo

Naperville Central High School

Hometown: Naperville

Class: Senior

Parents: Chiou-Yueh Lay, Tsemin Lo

Sponsor: Linda Gross, counselor

Community service: Vice president of Aquahouse tutoring; tutored students at Brady Elementary School in Aurora; Junior Class Council, school volunteering; Tzu-Chi Foundation, helped at an elderly home; LINK Crew/Student Ambassadors



Eric Lo

Cynthia Orizaba

Willowbrook High School

Hometown: Villa Park

Class: Senior

Parents: Mr. Serafin Orizaba & Mrs. Fausta Caballero

Sponsor: Scott Forcash, school counselor

Community service: Interact Club, community service at homeless shelters such as PADS; Eighth Grade Transition Night at Jefferson Middle School; Jefferson Middle School orchestra mentor; gave incoming freshmen tours of the high school



Cynthia Orizaba

Sameer Pardiwala

Lake Park High School

Hometown: Itasca

Class: Senior

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Nilesh Pardiwala

Sponsor: Melissa Williams-Rivera, school counselor

Community service: National Honor Society, Alexian Brothers Hospital help desk volunteer; Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (Spanish honors society); DECA Community Service Project; Make A Difference Day



Sameer Pardiwala

William Tong

Fox Valley Leadership Team winner

Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy

Hometown: Bolingbrook

Class: Senior

Parents: Xingcun Tong and Dali Shi

Sponsor: Julia Husen

Community service: Bureau of Education in RuZhou, China, taught English to high school Chinese students via Skype; tutor at school's Writing Center; school music department, electronic cataloging



William Tong

Browne

St. Louis High School



Jessica Browne

participant; Feed My dren; Totus Tuus; Adopt A Family and iler; 40 Days For Life

Courtney Degen

Metea Valley High School

Hometown: Aurora

Class: Senior

Parents: David & Elsy

Sponsor: Bob Vozza

Community service: Key Club, various projects with Feed My Starving Children, March of Dimes, ELIMINATE; Do More Metea Valley service



Courtney Degen

Hasnain Khundmiri

Glenbard East High School

Hometown: Glendale Heights

Class: Senior

Parents: Munawer Khundmiri & Saleha Khundmiri

Sponsor: Kevin Cooper, science teacher

Community service: National Honor Society/Key Club, various volunteering opportunities in and out of school; Senior Leaders, spread positivity in school



Hasnain Khundmiri

Nimah Mohiuddin

Islamic Foundation School

Hometown: Addison

Class: Senior

Parents: Ghouse and Samina Mohiuddin

Sponsor: Yasmin Jamal, math and social science teacher

Community service: DuPage PADS volunteer; library volunteer; Students for Social Justice



Nimah Mohiuddin

Saira Rasheed

Islamic Foundation School

Hometown: Addison

Class: Senior

Parents: Fawaz Rasheed and



Julia Ullmann

Lisle Senior High School

Hometown: Lisle

Class: Senior

Parents: Kurt and Almee Ullmann

Sponsor: Mr. Yousef Matarayeh, psychologist

Community service: K Kiwanis Christmas Party (Key Club) volunteer; Student Ambassadors volunteer; Gary Elementary Toy Drive (Key Club) volunteer; Ecology Club, volunteering time to recycle, sort materials to be



Julia Ullmann

Casey King

Willowbrook High School

Hometown: Villa Park

Class: Senior

Parents: Tom and Jennifer King

Sponsor: Lourdes Piña, school

Community service: West Suburban Leadership Conference; New Beginnings tutor; mentoring; National Honor Society; Progress Leader volunteer



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