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Welcome

At the age of 22, George Williams saw a need in his community of London, England. He saw a need to offer young men a place of good moral character and thus founded the first YMCA. He did this not for personal gain, instead, he did it for a better community.

We gather here tonight to recognize those very same principles in the youth in our community. Without hope of personal gain, award, or recognition, these teens show the good around us.

As our community's largest youth-serving charity, we nurture the potential of every child and teen. We encourage, support and motivate them to live up to the potential that lies within. With these future change makers in our community, we are convinced we are in good hands.

Join me in celebrating these impactful teens. For a better you. For a better us. For a better community.

Ryan Zietlow, CEO
YMCA of the Northwoods





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A Note For Tonight

Teens have always held a special place in the world and in my heart. These youth have a beautiful mixture of childhood dreams that combine with the developing skills of young adulthood allowing for special things to happen. They are our blooming future. They are the leaders of tomorrow. They will be the future difference makers of the Northwoods.

At the Y, we talk about mission moments, those great stories that we see, feel, or experience that reminds us the world is a good place and we are making a difference in someone's life. Each Teen here tonight is their own mission moment. They have their own story of greatness.

Tonight, while we think about their potential. We celebrate the present. Each teen presented in this program has already accomplished so much. It isn't about the grades, trophies, wins, or accolades. It is about everything that they have done to be great. It is about doing the right thing even though no one is looking or will ever know about it. Please help me honor these individuals that are willing to be part of the change that we all desire through the telling of their stories of character.

***Matt Steingraber, Aquatics & Youth & Family Director
YMCA of the Northwoods***





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Program

-Introduction-

Masters of Ceremony:

Lane Kimble: News Director, News Watch 12

Geoff Weller: Chief Meteorologist, News Watch 12

-Invocation and Blessing-

Colton Mellinger, Headwaters Christian Youth

-Dinner-

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-Music-

Anthony Lux, Piano

-Welcome-

Matt Steingraber: Aquatics, Youth and Family Director, YMCA of the Northwoods

-Keynote Speaker-

Josh Clark: Owner, Culver's

-Presentation of Awards-

Ms. America: *Brittany Wagner*

Rhineland Rotary Club:

Dan DeLisle- President, *Jim Webb-*Treasurer,
and *Dwight Webb-* Board Member

-Closing Comments-

Ryan Zietlow: CEO, YMCA of the Northwoods



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About the Awards

This special evening is the 17th Annual Teen Character Awards which celebrates the hard work and commitment of teens in our communities who make a lasting impact on others.

The YMCA Teen Character awards started in 2003 honoring twenty teens. Since then over three hundred and fifty teens have been honored with this award. The opportunity to share their stories and impact is unlike any other.

These award winners are a living example of strong moral character, leadership, and service dedicated to strengthening families, schools, and communities. Each one of these teens is a testament to the character traits of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. In a time when our communities are faced with immense challenges, it is vital that we reach out to each other and share these amazing stories.

Tonight we demonstrate character in action and applaud all of our winners for their accomplishments. We encourage them to continue to lead their lives with the positive character values they've displayed. Through their actions, we are reminded that even when no one is watching each of us can make a difference. That one person's actions are contagious and can inspire a family, a school, a community.

YMCA CORE VALUES:

CARING *is evidenced by helping and loving others.*

HONESTY *is evidenced by truthfulness and integrity.*

RESPECT *is evidenced by valuing the worth of others and self.*

RESPONSIBILITY *is evidenced by accountability to others and self.*



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Key Note Speaker

Josh Clark

Culver's - Owner

Josh is an investment partner/owner of nine Culver's restaurants in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Florida, and Ohio. Josh spent 12 years as a National Sales Manager for a manufacturing company out of Milwaukee, WI, as well as a Real Estate investor in rental properties and storage units.

Josh has served on the Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and currently sits on the Headwaters Board of Directors.

Josh is adamant about working with local non-profits and schools to give back through fundraising opportunities such as "Culver's Share Night." Culver's also donates equipment to local organizations so they can run great programs!

Josh is married to Jen Clark (owner/operator Rhinelander Culver's) and has two boys Connor (7) and Cooper (4). They have lived in Rhinelander for 6 years. Josh enjoys hunting, boating, golf, and all the Northwoods has to offer with his family.



2019 Honorees



Evie Ditzler

Rhineland High School – Sophomore
Nominator: Brianna Scheuermann

Evelyn is an open, bubbly, hard-working person and it doesn't take long after meeting her to pick up on these facts. Evelyn plays basketball, is involved in FBLA and has a part-time job in the offseason. She also is heavily involved in the church she attends. On top of all of this, she keeps her academics at a high standard. She is a great teammate for the basketball team reaching out to everyone, helping her teammates improve their game and always gives it her all. She's always early to practice and has a smile on her face. She cares for those around her and works hard and stands out to those around her because of it.



Bridger Flory

Rhineland High School – Senior
Nominator: MJ Laggis

The relationship between coach and player is an interesting and ever-changing dynamic based on the circumstances of the given day. Between Cross Country and Hockey, Bridger and I have had some great victories, some brutal losses, and many moments when perseverance and grit won out as the prevailing attitude. I have coached Bridger for many years and learned along the way. Bridger has an honest and caring demeanor that shows through clearly and helps him point his compass in the right direction. As a captain in both Hockey and Cross Country, I have watched Bridger lead younger players the right way. He motivates them through his own effort and work ethic at practice every day, and he always has time to talk to his teammates, laugh with them, and show them that he cares about them. We have a number of young players on our hockey team that see Bridger as what they want to become their senior year, a true leader. Bridger is so respectful to teachers, coaches, referees, and teammates that he is a perfect candidate for this award, yet those aren't the qualities I admire the most. The thing that sets Bridger apart from many his age is a four letter word that has long gone by the wayside for many people -- grit. This is a kid that you want by your side when the going is tough. How you respond in those moments may not dictate the outcome of that particular game, but they do dictate the direction of your personal compass. Bridger has that unrelenting, overriding, true north sense of grit to him that pushes himself harder, and lifts those around him. His being a state qualifier in cross country and our team success in hockey serves as evidence. He is so well respected by everyone -- teachers, administrators, classmates, pastors, and employer. Bridger has an overarching sense of positive influence that guides the personal needles of others north.

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Nolan Francis

Homeschool – Senior

Nominator: Joan Schutts

Nolan is a great man of character. He regularly swims with lap swimmers that are three times his age yet he is very kind and accommodating to them. He will always switch lanes and even swim up to 5 or 6 in a lane just to accommodate others. He is dedicated, hardworking, and humble. He has recently won state championships in multiple events. Nolan is a responsible and trusted older brother who helps to coach and mentor his younger siblings. His mentoring naturally goes beyond his family and is always willing to help out with younger swimmers and friends in any way. He was named team captain even though he had taken a year off from swimming. Nolan genuinely cares for his teammates, coaches and even opponents. Nolan also enjoys photography, drone photography, mountain biking, and water skiing. He plans to attend UW-Green Bay to study Business & Entrepreneurial Studies (Psychology Minor). He was recruited to swim for the team and looks forward to being a heavy contributor to the program.



Grace Gunderson

Crandon High School – Senior

Nominator: Ashlee Peters

Grace volunteers to help at all levels even when her schedule is busy with athletics and academia. She is a leader and demonstrates an ability to be organized and help get events planned for student council like Homecoming and Winterfest. Not only does she help plan events with student council but she also is an important person in the planning of community events like Red Ribbon Week, and sings the National Anthem at Brush Run Off Road Races. Grace plays volleyball and softball at Crandon High School and competes in drama, forensics and solo and ensemble, and is in National Honor Society.



Signey Hamilton

Rhineland High School – Senior

Nominator: Josh Chiamulera

I first met Signey in 2017 during a challenging time in her life. Working as a Detective Sergeant, Signey didn't respond well to our first meeting. In 2018 Signey and I met, and again it was in a professional setting. This time Signey decided that it was time for a change. Signey spoke honestly about her life and her life choices and because of this honesty, we were able to discuss some of the things Signey would have to change in order to be successful. Signey did not just choose to work on one or two things, Signey chose to take each and every piece of advice I could provide to her and worked on each of them. Signey redefined what she called "friends" and soon her true

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colors of being a nice and caring person began to show through. Most of all, Signey chose to care about herself. Signey began volunteering her time at K.I.N. and got a job. Signey chose to focus on school, but not just her high school career. She began thinking about her future and began looking into courses she could take at Nicolet Technical College. Signey mended personal relationships and soon became a role model for others. Signey continues to work hard at her schooling and continues to grow her passion for the arts. Signey was selected to display those art skills during the recent ArtStart, Rhinelander School district display. Signey donated her own money towards the Rhinelander Police Department K9 program. Signey has positively impacted me personally by showing me that I do make an impression on people. Signey has validated why I first decided to become a police officer, and that I should continue to reach out to people and at least try and make a difference in their lives.



Maria Heck

Rhinelander High School – Freshman

Nominator: Brianna Scheuermann

Maria has served not only as a talented basketball player, but also as a positive role model to all her teammates and class members. Maria is always lending a helping hand, such as when she helps her teammates with drills at practice. Maria leads by example, as she always shows up to practices on time, often being on the court and shooting before most teammates are out of the locker room. Coaches also appreciate Maria. She is always willing to listen to critiques and often asked for extra help on improving her game. Maria is also known for being a dedicated student as well as being a multiple sport athlete. She shows others that they can have both great grades as well as being in multiple sports and clubs. Not only is Maria in basketball, but she is also a valuable member of the swim team. Maria is also involved in FBLA/DECA. Maria is in the making of becoming a leader that students in lower grades will look up to, and strive to accomplish what Maria has been able to do.



Madeline Hetland

Rhinelander High School – Freshman

Nominator: Carrie Ratty

Madeline is what all of us wants in a friend. She is selfless, caring and sticks with you in the hard times. When Madeline's friend Grace became sick with a chronic condition and was bedridden for months Madeline became a lifeline. Madeline caringly helped Grace with her homework on a regular basis and never made it seem like a nuisance no matter how many questions were asked. She continues to take time to be there for Grace and helps if needed. Madeline is patient, kind and driven. She dances in Merrill and competes all across the nation, she takes advanced classes, and she's involved in DECA, Band, and sings in a youth choir. On top of that, she works at the Nativity Thrift store and attends Faith Formation each week. She definitely fits every one of the YMCA core values.

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Hunter Hicks

Rhineland High School – Senior

Nominator: Brian Paulson

Hunter is a person I can go to when I need some answers to make our school a safer and better place. He is very honest and respected by adults in our school. At his senior hockey banquet, he received the character award and that award has not been received in the last 10 years. Hunter is a leader not only in sports but most importantly at school and in the community. He leads by example! He has done hundreds of hours of community service in the past four years. This includes Ruby's pantry, mission trip work with church, and helped with NATH house dinners. He also has gone to the elementary schools to help with holiday activities for the kids. Hunter is involved in two sports at RHS, soccer and hockey. He is the FBLA/DECA VP of Finance and the student council senior class treasurer.



Junior Howard

Rhineland High School – Senior

Nominator: Derek Lemens

Junior is a kind individual who is always respectful and considerate to everyone around him. He is respected by his coaches, teachers, and peers for his positive contributions on and off the court. When we have team meals, Junior will play basketball with my son and include him with the team. Junior sets a positive example for his younger siblings and many Little Hodags. I don't know if anyone has a negative thing to say about the way that Junior Howard conducts himself and he is always bringing a positive attitude to all he does. He finds joy in helping at basketball camps and is in the gym year round. He is a team captain, serving as a positive role model and influential force on his teammates. Others see how Junior conducts himself and they can appreciate how he can be kind and caring, while still being a top player.



Kevin Peter John

Northland Pines High School – Junior

Nominator: Julia Schweer

In 2017 Kevin's family endured an unbelievable tragedy. His brother who was just 19 months older than him, died suddenly in a car crash. Throughout this loss, Kevin has demonstrated an immense sense of character. He has operated with purpose, composure and respect. Not only keeping his promise to his football team, and playing just days after the loss but also wearing his brother's hockey jersey during the 2017 season, being a member of the National Honor Society and earning the nickname "Swiss Army Knife" on his football team. Kevin has impacted everyone around him with a solid example of community service, reverence to God, loyalty to family and friends and helpfulness to strangers.

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Annika Johnson

Rhinelander High School – Freshman

Nominator: Ryan Clark

As a freshman playing varsity basketball, Annika exhibits a maturity beyond her age. Her core values as a young woman are authentic and true to herself. All of her co-curricular and volunteer activities revolve around helping others. She consistently places the needs of others over her own. Annika's genuine involvement with Special Olympics is inspiring. Her conversations about Special Olympics make it very evident that is this is who she is, not something she does. Annika embodies the value of caring. Simply ask her about a Special Olympics athlete she works with, a youngster at summer church camp, or a young girl in basketball or dance, and she responds with such a grand smile and beams with humility and passion. Annika is a true gem of a young lady, and by the time she is a senior, I believe will have impacted numerous young people in our community. Annika is a student-athlete that participates in Tennis, Basketball, Soccer and Dance. She is also heavily involved in Special Olympics, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FBLA/DECA, and her church. The YMCA Core Values are not what Annika does but who she is.



Dakota (Cody) Kangas

Phelps High School – Junior

Nominator: Rachel Smith

Cody demonstrates responsibility as he is currently enrolled in a CNA class 4 mornings a week. Because of this class, he misses the first 10 minutes of Trigonometry 4 days a week but he stays vigilant keeping up with homework and coming in outside of class when needed. Cody is respectful, leads by example as he always has a kind word for peers and teachers. He is caring and always happy to help classmates who may be struggling. He is a role model for the other boys in the school because he is the only boy in the choir and has a big role in the musical. Cody is involved in sports, basketball and baseball, band, choir, hand bells, the school musical, Skills USA, and Cody works a part-time job as well.



Mira King

Homeschool – Senior

Nominator: Shonda King

Mira is a kind and generous young woman with a huge heart. She is committed to helping youth thrive in many ways. She has been an active 4H member for 9 years serving as both a club and state leader. During that time she has taught area youth art, photography, snowboarding, and sewing. Through 4-H, she developed a service project to design and construct cute, cuddly stuffed monsters to donate to sick and injured children at local emergency

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rooms and children's hospitals. She has taught this project to youth leaders across the state. Her Monster Pillow Project earned her a Bronze Presidential Volunteer Service Award. She is currently working on a new project aimed at helping chronically ill and injured teenagers cope in the hospital. Her inspiration for these service projects was her younger brother's cancer diagnosis. During his 3 years of treatment, Mira helped hold her family together. She often cared for her younger siblings and helped run the household during hospital stays. She currently helps teach gymnastics at the YMCA and volunteers as a photographer for many community events.



Alec Klabunde

Rhineland High School – Sophomore

Nominator: Abbey Lukowski

Alec is a thoughtful, hardworking individual who values helping other people. He often assists his classmates with mathematics when they don't understand the problems or the concepts. He seeks out those who need a friend and offers them opportunities to join activities, try new things, and grow in an encouraging environment. He is a sophomore at Rhineland High School and actively participates in Drama, Show Choir, Tennis and Math League.

Alec has been a member of 4-H for many years. He has enjoyed mentoring younger kids and helping to teach them new skills. Besides a part-time job at Dairy Queen, he also helps friends and relatives with everything from snow shoveling to computer problems.



Jaxon Klitzka

Rhineland High School – Senior

Nominator: Shelley Lehman

This year Jaxon joined our Project Unify Club to help promote inclusion with regular education students and special education students both in school and in our community. Jaxon blew me away with his passion for advocating for students with disabilities. Jaxon began making things happen that others were unable to do in the past. He was adamant to his convictions in helping to make our school a better place for all. He started taking over meetings and organizing teams. He earned the respect of his peers by being selected for leadership roles. He has gone above and beyond in helping and encouraging others. He is commended for going above and beyond in helping transition students with disabilities that are new to our school. He encouraged students to go to Prom, something the parent of the student said her child never would have done without Jaxon's influence. Jaxon has so much compassion and heart that he developed a video which has been shared with students and staff. His kindness and caring are genuine. He is so grateful and sincere.

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Abigail Krueger

Rhineland High School – Senior

Nominator: Mischell Fryar

Abigail has earned high admiration through her high school years. She is commended for her genuine qualities of honesty and respect. Whether it be in the classroom, a co-curricular activity or a community endeavor, Abigail demonstrates the respect that should be given to not only adults but to other students as well. She stands out for her strong beliefs and cares for the well-being of others. As an FBLA/DECA officer for three years, she has had the opportunity to influence and lead many students in the school as members of the organization and has encouraged them to be the best members they can be in both community service and competition. In our local community, Abigail has been involved in and has led many community service events (Jeans for Teens, Adopt-a-Highway, Letter to Santa, Ruby's Pantry). Abigail is well rounded, also participating in Cross Country, Math League, National Honor Society, and multiple roles in her church. The core values are deeply ingrained on who Abigail is as a person.



Rebecca Lawrence

Rhineland High School – Sophomore

Nominator: Ryan Clark

As a teacher in a high school of 800+ students, I have the opportunity to observe them in a multitude of structured and unstructured settings and interactions: at lunch with their peers, in class with their teachers, passing time in the hallway, and in the athletic environment. Being a teenager can be challenging as one tries to fit in and find one's identity, especially when you are around your peers day and night. However, Rebecca exemplifies the highest values at all times. She is full of kindness and authenticity, with an inviting personality and an infectious smile that is so pure and true. It inspires everyone around her. There is not one student in the school that wouldn't have something positive to say about Rebecca. Rebecca is a role-model. She is a positive influence not only directly to her closest peers, but I believe she positively impacts students that know of her as only an acquaintance. I believe her integrity inspires others in our school to make appropriate choices and to strive to reach their maximum potential. Although she's only a sophomore, I believe Rebecca is one of the leaders of our school. In our basketball program, Rebecca has assisted with many camps and is fantastic with our young, future players. Her #22 is a popular jersey number to wear. Rebecca successfully participates in Basketball and Track & Field. She is involved in Key Club and Nicolet College Business Competition (Quiz Bowl). In every action of her life, Rebecca stays true to the YMCA Core Values.

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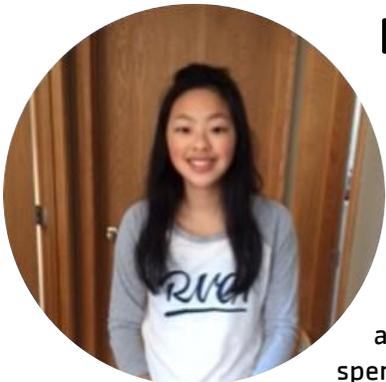
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Kiana Marvin

Crandon High School – Senior
Nominator: Brittany LaMere

Kiana makes a positive impact on her friends and family. She is an outstanding role model and demonstrates respect, responsibility, caring and honesty. During the summer she works full time as a summer youth camp counselor. She is involved with an intern opportunity after school, with the Forest County Potawatomi Community, working with the Family Services Division and wants to pursue a career in social work so she can continue to help her community. During this last school year, Kiana has really stepped up and Kiana made a positive impact on her friends and little sister, motivating them and encouraging them to always do their best. Kiana has the drive, motivation and compassionate personality to be successful in whatever she chooses to do now and in the future.



Lily Mederios-Harris

Three Lakes High School – Junior
Nominator: Janice Harris

Lily is a respectful young woman to all who are around her. She is always willing to put others before herself. Lily is a kind individual to teachers, students, and community members. She is an honest person and someone who one can always count on to fulfill her commitments. These characteristics are what allows her to be successful in many areas of life. Lily is often found spending her time helping out in the community. She volunteers to sell concessions at basketball games and has helped at the Three Lakes Christian Food Pantry. She has also volunteered at Pumpkin Fest and the Three Lakes Youth Baseball Tournament. Lily is also involved in sports and clubs in addition to volunteering. Lily is a member of both Cross Country and Track teams as well as being an active member of both Student Council and FBLA.



Austin Nagle

Phelps High School – Junior
Nominator: Kevin Grafwallner

Austin demonstrates the YMCA core values every day in both school and personal life. He sets a caring, positive example to younger students in his K-12 school. He shows responsibility by working with these young students which has developed a more positive overall school attitude. He is respectful of his peers, school leaders and coaches. Austin displays his leadership as the school's Skills USA vice president. In addition, he is a passionate basketball player and works two part-time jobs.

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Alexandra Pond

Rhineland High School – Senior
Nominator: Melissa Hasselberger

Lexi is recognized for her balance in exhibiting the YMCA Core Values. Lexi demonstrates being caring by helping other students prepare their FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) projects for competition. As President, Lexi often collects and records dues from the students for their fees and apparel. I trust her in that role. She also has been a valuable teacher assistant (TA) for me. Lexi demonstrates respect by talking politely not only to her teachers but also to her peers. And lastly, but most importantly, she shows great responsibility. She is always on time for class and club meetings. She always completes her work on time and follows through with all of her tasks. Lexi makes an impact on her peers by being a TA and helping during culinary labs and helping with FCCLA projects. She makes an impact in her community by serving dinner for NATH and raising funds for the animal shelter.



Steven Rieck

Three Lakes High School – Senior
Nominator: Jayme Wyss

Steven is one of the most honest and respectable students around. He is a person with integrity, shaped by his faith. If he is put to a task, it is known that Steven is getting it done and not cutting corners. He has been an inspiration as he pushed for a new PR at every meet last season. Steven also easily transitions from competitor to cheerleader. His enthusiasm, work ethic, and joy are contagious. Steven made it to Sectionals two years in a row and is a great example of what can result when you put in the hard work. This also shows in his Martial Arts, as he received his Black Belt. Steven is studious and has one of the highest GPA's in his class. Steven is involved with a TON of extracurricular activities which have helped him receive multiple awards and leadership roles. Such activities include Forensics, Drama, Cross Country, Track, Student Council Secretary, Badger Boys State, Martial Arts, Vacation Bible School, Church Events, and works a part-time job as a cashier. The Teen Character Award was created for students like Steven.



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Raven LaMoyne Sturtevant

Rhineland High School – Senior

Nominator: Heather Sturtevant

Raven has always displayed caring, whether it is working with young children or consoling a teammate. She has been working with younger children both as a mentor and coach teaching gymnastics and also at the local BMX track. She provides constant encouragement and praise so they can rise to their potential. She has held many leadership roles including the captain of her high school gymnastics team as well as captain of her national BMX team. She does her best to lead by example and gains respect by always showing it to others. She has also served as a coach and counselor at a gymnastics camp serving children from the Midwest, aged 5-16, and has helped plan gymnastics camps locally. Raven first sang the national anthem at age 12 and has developed her voice through choir and show choir. Throughout high school, she has performed the national anthem for both local BMX and many high school sports events. Raven has received numerous prestigious awards in BMX, gymnastics, show choir, solo, and duet ensemble performances. Raven also works a part time.



Kortnie Lyn Volk

Three Lakes High School – Junior

Nominator: Marge and Perry Anderson

Kortnie is a leader. For two years she was the Student Council Vice President and this year she is the Junior Class President. She is the Vice President of the National Business Honor Society, captain of the basketball team, cross country team and track & field team. Kortnie is commended for her work ethic. She models excellence in training for her sports. She has dedicated over 100 hours of community service for her community, including conducting inspections of watercrafts for invasive species for Clean Boats Clean Waters. Her core values have not gone unnoticed at school, as she was selected for both the Discovery Science Camp and Badgers Girls State. Kortnie is commended for her honesty, humility, and caring. Kortnie is a well-rounded individual who does things well while aligning her actions to the Y Core Values.

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Tucker Wittkopf

Northland Pines High School – Senior

Nominator: Peter Aerts

In the classroom and on the field, Tucker holds an incredible amount of integrity. He puts in great effort, no matter the task assigned. Tucker is never seen cutting corners or taking the easy way out. His attitude during all tasks not only keeps his work at a high level but also helps motivate others to perform well. Tucker's focus on others while also personally performing well is what really makes him stand out. On the field, he is frequently seen encouraging others and cheering on their success. Tucker also shows utmost respect and takes time to talk with all people in the school from students with disabilities to his classroom teachers. Tucker impacts others with his advanced ability and willingness to lead. Tucker helped start up and run the Fellowship of Christian Athletes program. He also serves as a mentor to help middle school students. In sports, he was named a captain this year for football, hockey, and baseball. Not many leaders his age are willing to confront issues or navigate them as tactfully and with the understanding he does. In the leadership development group I help run, Tucker's name is brought up at every meeting as being an example of someone who effectively uses the skills we are talking about. Tucker truly is an all-around outstanding individual and an invaluable asset in the school and community.



Holly Young

Phelps High School – Junior

Nominator: Lisa Duquaine

Holly is responsible in all aspects of her life. Within the school, she shows rigor, grit and responsibility in her academics. She is always wanting to take it to the next level in order to be successful. When asked to take on numerous tasks in the classroom she is up for the challenge. This is evident in her work in choir, solo and ensemble and the school musical. She is also incredibly responsible outside of the school. She is able to maintain a job as well as help at home with younger siblings. She assists multiple community areas such as her church and helps community members that are in need. It is not uncommon to hear her say that she has to go over and help another community member in need even though as a teenager she could be doing countless other things. Holly is involved in numerous activities including, but not limited to: Basketball, Student Council, Musical, Solo and Ensemble, Church groups, 4-H and she has a part-time job as well.



Samantha Zarm

Rhineland High School – Junior

Nominator: Holly Peitsch

I met Samantha through Girl Scouts but really got to know her through time spent at the Rhineland Figure Skating Club. Sam is always one of the first to volunteer to help someone and will patiently show them a move or a piece of choreography. She has shown strong leadership skills and has the ability to see both sides of a conflict and help come up with compromises to lead to a positive resolution, a talent that will get her very far in life. Samantha is kind to her peers and respectful to adults, even when they don't always show the same consideration to her. She goes out of her way to say hello or include someone when she thinks they are being left out. Sam is an active member of Girl Scouts and is currently working on her Gold Award, the highest recognition that a Girl Scout can receive. She has also been involved in various community service projects. Samantha is also an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Sam has been a member of the Northern Edge High School Figure Skating Competition Team and the High School Dance Team. Sam is a great role model to her peers and the younger children that she comes in contact with. Sam shares her talents and her kindness and leads by example. Samantha truly represents Rhineland well.



Jared Zwettler

Three Lakes High School – Senior

Nominator: Jayme Wyss

Jared is a very ambitious and goal driven and he puts in the work to achieve those goals. He genuinely cares about the progress of others while uplifting and encouraging teammates and competitors alike. Jared is a leader by example and is the one noticed for the work he puts in. His speaking skills and ability to draw emotion and inspire the audience is also incredible. Jared is a two-sport athlete (Cross Country and Track) but is also very involved in school beyond just athletics. He serves on the Student Council, is the Vice President of his Class, and is also part of the Trap Club. Jared is in the National Honor Society as well as in drama. He is in Band, Pep Band, and was a part of the Jazz Band that went to State. He has also been active in the community. Jared volunteered at the Fish and Wildlife Basketball Tournament, helped line soccer fields, was an Assistant Sunday School Teacher at the Rhineland United Church of Christ, and has also helped clean up areas of Rhineland with his church. The Teen Character Award was created for students like Jared.



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Lane Kimble, News Director

Lane Kimble became news director at News Watch 12 in November 2017. He came back to the Northwoods in June 2015 after spending two years as a general assignment reporter with CBS-58 News in Milwaukee. Lane calls the Northwoods his adoptive home, filled with friends and neighbors who have become like family. Lane previously worked as an anchor and reporter with News Watch 12 from 2011 through 2013. He graduated with a journalism degree from UW-Whitewater in 2010. While there, Lane served as sports director for UWW-TV, calling play-by-play action for Warhawk football, basketball, baseball, wrestling, and soccer games. Lane was born a Cheesehead, growing up in Wauwatosa, WI. He's a huge Packers, Brewers, Badgers, Bucks, and Golden Eagles fan. Lane enjoys golf (although he's still terrible at it), boating and crossword puzzles when he's not at work or spending time with his family. He lives in Rhinelanders with his wife, Danelle, and two sons, Ethan and Lucas.

Geoff Weller, Chief Meteorologist

Geoff joined the News Watch12 team in November 2015 as a weekend meteorologist and reporter. Geoff didn't travel far to end up in the Northwoods. A native of Grayslake, Illinois, Geoff spent his summers at the family lake house near Stevens Point. A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, Geoff supplemented his broadcast meteorology education at Mississippi State University. Directly out of college, Geoff took a career detour. He entered the business world working in several large cities all over the country, including stops in Chicago, Miami, Orlando, Dallas, Phoenix, Cleveland, Atlanta



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and Las Vegas. While his experiences in the business world proved successful, they took him away from his true passion. In late 2013 Geoff decided the time was right to follow his dreams. He quit his job, re-enrolled in school, and picked up a full-time weather internship at WGBA-TV (NBC26) in Green Bay to compliment his previous years-long internships in Oklahoma City. Geoff loves the outdoors. While he is technically always working (observing the weather is a 24/7 job!), you can also find him skiing, biking, and boating that is, when he isn't up in the air sharpening his skills as a licensed pilot and Certified Flight Instructor. Geoff could not be happier to be working in north central Wisconsin.

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