

Name: Lauren Cooney
Address: 155 Tuthill Road
P.O. Box 213

High School activities that warrant this Citizenship Award:

During my high school career, I was active in many groups such as iDecide, which is a program that allows high school students to mentor fifth graders about good decision making and the dangers of alcohol and other drugs. During my four years in the iDecide Program I had the opportunity to teach multiple lessons over two four week periods to Round Hill and Taft Elementary fifth graders.

I was given the privilege of being a lead mentor in my Junior and Senior year. I am also a member of The National Honor Society as a tutor, orientation leader and volunteered at the Senior Citizen Prom annually. I also donated my time every spring since 6th grade at the Washingtonville Scholarship Run, assisting with registration and other various jobs. I was part of a committee that founded the "Raving Hope Dance" an annual fundraiser for a family in need that began in 2012.

High School Community activities that warrant this Citizenship Award:

Every Wednesday since 6th grade, I have volunteered with the Special Olympics program. I have had the opportunity to work with fifteen special needs student athletes. I'm amazed at their strengths and their ability to overcome whatever obstacles life throws their way. They have taught me to live in the moment, and enjoy all the little things. They've also taught me more importantly, that what you see on the outside doesn't always reflect what is on the inside. I've learned more from these fifteen athletes over these past six years than I could have possibly taught them. Some of my other services in the outside community include working with the Bull Stone House Foundation, volunteering at Sarah Wells day, Running with the Bulls and their annual family picnic.