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Civics in Action Award



Hannah Lewis, of DeRidder, is a recent graduate of the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts is being recognized today as someone who has made a difference or an improvement of the quality of life in their school, home, or community by civic engagement - someone who exemplifies what it means to be an engaged citizen. She is this year's recipient of the Civics in Action Award.

Hannah is a straight A student and has been involved in many academic, civic and community activities, including to help organize the Merryville Heritage Festival. She was 4-H President, Senior High Beta Secretary and Treasurer, involved in Future Leaders of America, her high school drama club, science club, choir, and in local community theater.

In the last year, Hannah has not only had to endure the pandemic and two hurricanes causing major damage to her home, she suffered the sudden and unexpected death of her Mother. Despite her grief, Hannah kept up with her schoolwork and activities and is an inspiration to others.

At the beginning of the pandemic, Hannah and her mother sewed masks for a local nursing home and she assisted with disaster relief efforts after Hurricane Laura. Through her church, she has done yard work for the elderly, led youth groups, made stuffed animals for the Hug-a-Bear project and supported organizations promoting service dogs for veterans.

She was recently recognized by Louisiana Public Broadcasting as a "Young Hero". A Young Hero is defined as an exceptional young person who has excelled in academics, given significantly of themselves through public service, overcome adversity, exhibited extraordinary heroism, or inspired others through their deeds and strength of character.

Hannah has been awarded the Outstanding Student Merit-based Scholarship to Louisiana Tech.