

Waconia High School 2010 ExCEL Award Candidates

Victoria Larkin is active in volleyball, alpine skiing and golf where she has earned letters in volleyball and alpine skiing. She has earned Academic All-Conference honors in volleyball, as well as receiving spotlight on scholarship gold certificates in all of the sports that she has participated in. On the fine arts side, Victoria is a member of pep band and the marching band, where she serves a commander in the drum line. Victoria demonstrates her excellence in education and leadership by being an active member of the National Honor Society, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (secretary), the International Club Student Council (officer), Conservation Club, Peer Helpers, SADD, Prom Committee (officer), Peer Mentors, as well as being on the Waconia High School 'A' Honor Roll. In her "spare time", Victoria volunteers at many different organizations/functions including: America Reads, teaching Sunday school at church; serving as a summer camp coach in volleyball; working at Operation Christmas Child; and serving as a volunteer at Ridgeview Medical Center. Victoria's parents are Marla & Mike Larkin.

Byron Synstegaard is active in football and track & field where he has earned letters in each sport, as well as academic honors. On the fine arts side, Byron plays in the band. Byron demonstrates his excellence in education and leadership by being an active member of Peer Helpers, the 9th Grade Transition Team as well as being on the Waconia High School 'A' Honor Roll. In his "spare time", Byron volunteers at many different organizations/functions including: America Reads; serving as a youth coach in football and basketball; offering services at youth basketball tournaments and track meets; and serving as a volunteer for the Paul Kohls Straw Poll Convention. He also spends many hours donating time at his church as an altar server and as a Eucharistic minister. Byron's parents are Laura & John Synstegaard.