

Above and Beyond

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Staying away from drugs and alcohol in high school allows you to develop into who you really are without any artificial influences. It shows a really strong person who can be who they want to be instead of giving into pressures from people who think differently than you.

Tera Simpson

Adviser

Activities: Health Education Teacher, Anatomy and Physiology Teacher, TADD Adviser, AODA Coordinator, Above and Beyond Adviser

Hometown Heroes: Mr. Tourdot and Mr. Semingson have totally supported the idea of the Above and Beyond group. Without their support many of the opportunities that this group provides would not be possible. Thank you to these two for always trusting that the crazy things that I do are for the best interest of the students involved!



Hailey Zawacki

Adviser

Activities: 4th Grade Teacher, Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Above and Beyond Adviser

Hometown Hero: Shirley Bagley devotes many hours volunteering her time to this community. She is "retired" but is never home because she always is helping out others. Shirley always has a smile on her face, and puts others before herself. She always wants to know how you are doing, and truly cares about the Osseo-Fairchild community.

Teaching at the Elementary school, I get to see how important that the high school athletes are to the little kids. The students look up to them, and look forward to watching them compete. It is important for our high school student athletes to be good role models, not just while competing, but in all aspects of their everyday lives they are always representing OFHS.



I am proud to be a part of the Osseo-Fairchild community because this is the same community that I grew up in. Everyone always seems to be there when you need them the most. The businesses are extremely supportive of our schools which helps us do the things that we do for the students of our community!

Jimi Zawacki

Adviser

Activities: Middle School Teacher, Girls Basketball Coach, Baseball Coach, Above and Beyond Adviser

Hometown Heroes: Jon Soiney and Jed Sieg; Both of these guys do a fantastic job with the baseball field to make sure that the Osseo Merchants and the Middle School/High School baseball players have the wonderful privilege of playing on one of the nicest fields in Wisconsin. They are out there regardless of the weather and make sure that the field is always playable. They simply do it for the kids and the passion of the game.



It is important for me as a student to stay away from drugs and alcohol. This helps me to have a clear head and be the best me I can be!

Anna Oestreich

Activities: Above and Beyond, FFA

Hometown Hero: I chose Charlene Bowman as my hometown hero, because she has nothing but support for all of the sports and clubs. She is always willing to lend a hand whenever it is needed and never fails to make everyone smile!



I love being apart of a small town where everyone knows everyone, they come to all the sporting events and when they see you around town after a big game they tell you good job.

Trevor Fischer

Activities: Above and Beyond, Football, Wrestling, Baseball

Hometown Hero: I chose Matt Korgers as my hometown hero because he really finds a way to make me work hard in practice and gets me to want to do my best in games and in everything I do.

Ben Dewitz

Activities: Above and Beyond, Band



It is important to be a good role model so that kids who look up to them will do the right thing.

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero is my dad because he not only helps me out, but he also helps out others.



It is especially important for a student athlete/club member to be a good role model, because the younger kids will have the most opportunities to observe behavior and actions of student athletes/club members.

Andrew Christopherson

Activities: Above and Beyond, Middle School Mentor, Basketball and Baseball

Hometown Hero:
My hometown heroes are my parents, because they are my biggest fans. They are always there to support me, and I wouldn't be where I am today without them.



I think it is important to stay away from drugs and alcohol because being the best self you can be and trying to keep up with activities in your life is already hard enough, but with the added effects of drugs and alcohol can make it ten times harder.

Anna Speckien

Activities: Above and Beyond, Dance Team, A Capella Choir, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, and Science Olympiad

Hometown Hero: Karlyn Franks is my hometown hero. I've known Karlyn since the day I moved to Osseo. And ever since then she has had a tremendous impact on my life. From the beginning she taught me how to be the person I am today. I have always heard positive things about her, and she has impacted many other besides myself. Every time I see her she always has a smile on her face and is always a supporter of everything I do!



It's so important for students to stay away from drugs and alcohol. Not only is it bad for your physical and mental health, but it can ruin your reputation, relationships, and so much more. As high school students we already have enough pressure as it is, we don't need anything else making it worse. Plus, studies show that teen drug and alcohol abuse leads to addiction problems as an adult.

Morgan Quirk

Activities: Above and Beyond, Softball, Band, Choir, NHS

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero is my grandma, Renee Stelter. She is one of the most generous and thoughtful people I know. She's seen helping out at Ruby's Pantry, helping the elderly, and she is always willing to help out a neighbor. There is nothing she wouldn't do for anyone, and she always does it with a smile on her face(:

Jared Penkert

Activities: Above and Beyond, Cross-Country, Acapella, Student Council, AV Club, NHS



To be a part of a community where everyone has a part and works very hard everyday with great intentions is truly an honor. I am proud to represent this community every day I attend school or any other activity. I hope some day I can give back to this beautiful home I've been blessed with.

Hometown Hero: To help out a friend or acquaintance is one thing here and there, but to help out a community without asking or even think about receiving anything in return is truly a sacrifice for a great cause, and this is why I have chosen Greg Gilbertson. From when I was a six-year-old boy in kindergarten, to now being a Sophomore in high school, Greg has always had a smile on his face and has spread the most positive mood imaginable every morning and afternoon I boarded the bus. When our high school/middle school needed help with custodians, Greg was quick to respond and help out! Greg is always spreading a great attitude to those around him whenever it comes to driving the bus or saying hello in the hallway.



It is important to stay away from drugs and alcohol because they cause you to make bad decisions and in many different ways hurt yourself.

Caden Boettcher

Activities: Above and Beyond, Football, Baseball, Basketball and FFA

Hometown Hero: Tim Popple is my hometown hero because he is always willing to help someone out no matter who they are, he is a great coach and a great guy.



It's important to stay away from drugs and alcohol because it ruins your future life. It doesn't make you any better in sports or school. They can only do harm to your body and it really isn't the right choice.

Sophiah Filla

Activities: Above and Beyond, Volleyball, Basketball and Softball

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero is Mrs. Nelson because she has taught me to be more confident in myself. She has also taught me to not listen to what others have to say because it just brings me down. This year she has helped me in coping with a lot of problems I have. She is always there for me when I need the weight room opened to just listening to me talk about my life to her.



It is important for students to stay away from drugs and alcohol mainly because of the fact that their body can't handle it. It can also lead to you getting in very big trouble, and that can cause suspensions from sports or other activities that you are involved in. It can mess up everything so what's the point of doing it.

Garrett Koxlien

Activities: Above and Beyond, Football, Basketball and Baseball

Hometown Hero: I chose Matt Korgner because he always wanted everyone to get better. He never gave up on anyone and always drove them to keep working at it. He has made me a better person on and off the court.



Chelsey Severson

Activities: Above and Beyond, Basketball, Softball, FBLA, and Student Council

Hometown Hero: Marian Severson, my grandma, is my hometown hero. She always has a positive attitude and is very loving and kind. She is a great role model and always tries her hardest to put a smile on someone's face.

Younger students look up to people that are older than them. In order to influence their lives in a positive way, athletes and club members should always be good role models. Those younger students will want to be just like them when they're older.



Leah Reynolds

Activities: Above and Beyond, Dance Team, Archery, NHS and FBLA

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero is Sharon Jermstead. She was my confirmation mentor and doing all the activities with her was so much fun. Sharon is involved with the church and cares about the people around her. Sharon is an inspiration to me and I hope she is an inspiration to others.

It is not easy being in a sport or club and being in school. I feel someone in a club or sport is a role model because all of us are hard workers and we set high standards for ourselves and reach those standards. We set a good example and we can help others to our best ability. Role models know how to set a goal and how to reach it with the right help. People are looking up to us and we often don't know the change that we are making.

Mattie Kempf

Activities: Above and Beyond, Cross
County, NHS



I love being part of the Osseo-Fairchild community because I feel safe, respected, and loved.

Hometown Hero: Marty Kempf, my dad, is one of the strongest men. He does everything he can to make everyone's lives the best they can be. He is always there for me and is changing my life including others'. He is strong and supportive and will do everything in his power to make the world a better place. Love you Dad!

Colby Gunderson

Activities: Above and Beyond, Basketball and NHS



It is important to be a good role model as an athlete and club member because All the little kids look up to the athletes because they want to be just like them.

Hometown Hero: I chose Todd Kittelson as my hometown hero. I chose Todd because he is always willing to be a last minute job reference for me. He was a very patient basketball coach for many years (since 3rdish grade). He has a prominent role in the community. And he is just a lovely dude.

Marissa Olson

Activities: Above and Beyond and Volleyball



I like being part of our community because the people here are very close. Everyone knows everyone! When something bad happens everyone pulls together to help out.

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero is Katie Walsh! She has always been a role model to me and has always been my second mom! She is one of the strongest people I know.

Katie has been through a very dramatic change in her life and she has been so strong since this has happened! She is an amazing leader throughout Osseo and has been there for everyone!

Abbi Henke

Activities: Above and Beyond, Basketball
Volleyball, and Softball



What I like about being part of Above and Beyond is that you are so involved with your school and community. You get to engage in positive activity that not only helps you as a person, but also as the people around you.

Hometown Hero: Coach Madison is my hometown hero because she understands exactly what I go through when I play softball. She not only relates to me as coach, but also from a former athlete's standpoint. She encourages me to do better everyday and believes in me.



Children look up to anyone older than them, and copy what they do. If you're in the spotlight for a sport or club, children are even more likely to copy what you do. If we show bad sportsmanship and terrible character, we would be setting our school up for failure in the future.

Payton Bertrang

Activities: Above and Beyond, Fall and Winter Dance, TADD, and NHS

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero is Kari Steen, because she is one of the most positive people I know. She would do anything for anyone, and loves to help the community as much as she can. Over the years she has done so much for everyone but does not get the thanks she deserves. Thank you Kari.



Madyson Rosman

Activities: Above and Beyond, Golf,
Basketball and FBLA

Hometown Hero: Marion McCune is my hometown hero. I chose this person because she tries to make it to every sports event that we have and she talks to everyone with a smile on her face.

It is important to be a good role model because younger kids will copy you and copy the choices you make.

Hannah Walske

Activities: Above and Beyond, Basketball,
Track and FBLA

Hometown Hero: My
hometown hero is Carol
Dodge. She is an
awesome woman who is
caring and always
helping around the
community!



I think it is important to stay
away from drugs and alcohol
because these things have the
potential to ruin your future and
can contribute to causing you to
make bad decisions.



I think it is important to stay away from drugs and alcohol because you can harm your body and it can lead to making bad choices in the future.

Megan Hefti

Activities: Above and Beyond, Basketball, and Volleyball

Hometown Hero: My mom is my hometown hero because she shows support in every sport I play. She is always making an effort to make it to my games and she pushes me to do my best.



I like being a part of Above and Beyond because it's such a positive club and I enjoy all the activities we do. Also everyone in the club is so nice and are good role models in the school! This is my 3rd year being in this group and I'm so glad I joined it!

Kendra Hasz

Activities: Above and Beyond, Dance

Hometown Hero: A hometown hero of mine is Amy Mccune. She is always smiling and is such a positive person. She helps around the community and is always getting involved in many things! Amy also helped me and 3 other girls get a donation from Global for our dance trip to Florida and got that all together. We appreciated that very much and was glad she was so willing to help! People like Amy are the reason our community is so well organized and energetic!

Madison Hageness

Activities: Above and Beyond, Student Council, Band, Color Guard, NHS, Volleyball, and Softball



I am proud to be apart of the Osseo-Fairchild community because we are so close. Everyone supports each other and look out for one another. I love how even if you don't have a kid or relative playing that sport, you still come to games.

Hometown Hero: Mrs. Hansen makes me look forward to school everyday. I love how into her job she gets. She also teaches us about things outside of just math. Mrs. Hansen has helped me look further into life, and how what you are doing now will forever keep piling up to effect your life later on.



Coltan Dahl

Activities: Above and Beyond, Football, Baseball, Basketball, A Capella Choir, Jazz Band

Hometown Hero: I chose Warren Dahl. I chose him because he gives up so much of his time to help with teaching and athletics in the community. He is very selfless, and always willing to put in time for others.

I am proud to be a member of the O-F community because of all of the amazing people in it that are a part of things like the Apalaccia service project, and the lion's club. These people always try to help others here and far away.



Greta Nelson

Activities: Above and Beyond, Cross Country
and Basketball

Hometown Hero: Julie Garber is my hometown hero. She is my hometown hero because she is my grandma, and she is always helping out with community activities. She brought Ruby's pantry to Osseo, and she helps out with her church all the time. Julie also volunteers to teach yoga in the fitness center every Wednesday.

I think that it is important for students to stay away from drugs and alcohol because it can ruin the rest of your life. When your brain isn't developed fully, it isn't good to stop it from growing by drugs and alcohol. Also if you use them when you are young, you are most likely to use them for the rest of your life.



Rose Bohlinger

Activities: Above and Beyond, Student Council, FBLA, Cross Country, and Softball

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero is my mom, Tina Bohlinger. My mom works hard to do everything for me. She always works hard to make everyone happy. She goes above and beyond for everything. Whenever I need help I know I can go to her and she will always be there to help me.

I think it is important to be a good role model because you never know who is watching you, and looking up to you.

Grace Lawrence

Activities: Above and Beyond, Softball and A
Capella Choir



When you use drugs and alcohol,
you could get kicked off of sports
teams and get kicked out of clubs.

If you really enjoy those things,
that could be devastating to you.

Hometown Hero: Gumby
(Greg Gregerson) has
taught me what is wrong
and right. It sounds kind of
simple, but he makes me
feel that if I have a
problem, I can go to him
for help. He has served our
city for many years.



I am proud to be part of the Osseo-Fairchild Community because everybody knows everybody, and overall, it is a very friendly community.

Alyssa Iverson

Activities: Above and Beyond, Cross Country and Basketball

Hometown Hero: There are tons of amazing people in our community but out of all of them, my hometown hero is Bev Iverson. Bev does a lot of things with the OELC Church that benefits the community, and she also volunteers at Ruby's Pantry.



Austin Pettis

Activities: Above and Beyond, Basketball and Baseball

Hometown Hero: Mr. Zawacki is my hometown hero. He's a good coach because he fits in and makes the game fun.

It is important to be a good role models so that younger people know how to act when it's their time to be a role model.

Tristan Shuttleworth

Activities: Above and Beyond, Cross Country, Track, NHS, Student Council, Jazz Band, Musical, A Capella Choir, and Science Olympiad



I am glad I am part of Above and Beyond because I like being around a large group of people that are good role models in our school.

Hometown Hero: My hometown heroes are my parents. They are super supportive of everything I am involved in and give me great advice on how to be a leader.

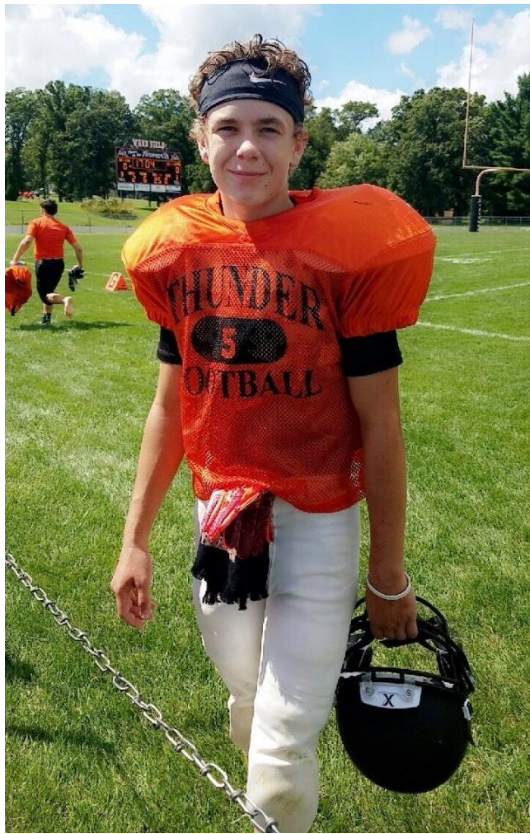
Grace Eide

Activities: Above and Beyond, Basketball and Golf



I think it's important to stay away from drugs and alcohol because it can hurt more than just your brain. It can affect your ability for you to play or practice to your highest potential!

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero is Scott Vold, he has taught me how to be a dedicated athlete and to never give up no matter how bad things are going. He has learned how to put up with 5 girls that don't hold back, I don't know much but I think that deserves an award.



I am proud part of the Osseo-Fairchild community, because it is a small community where everyone knows everyone and they support are teams in all seasons of sports!

Brice Shimon

Activities: Above and Beyond, Football, Basketball, Baseball and FFA

Hometown Hero: My home town hero is Chuck Fremstad. Chuck is my home town hero because he taught me to never give up and to follow my dreams. He always says to me what I do matters and to remember how good of a player I am!

Brooke Freitag

Activities: Above and Beyond, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, TADD and NHS

Hometown Hero: My home town hero is Lexi Dawson. I know I already chose her before but she really deserves it. She's has coached me for several years and really knows how to push me to be my best. Lexi does not get enough credit for what she does for us, taking her own time to coach us and to make us better in anyway. Some might see her as a tough and hard coach but she really is a nice, fun, and understandable coach and just wants the best for her players.



Above and beyond is my favorite club that I've been a part of. I love being a role model to others and to inspire others to work hard and to do the right thing; especially in the things they love to do.

Dawsyn Lyngen

Activities: Above and Beyond,
Football, Baseball, Wrestling, FFA, 4-H.



It is important to be a good role model as an athlete and club member because we are the people that others look up to.

Hometown Hero:
Bruce Bowerman
is my hometown
hero. He is a
highly respected
man in the
community.



It is important to stay away from drugs and alcohol because It is illegal and can affect your health negatively.

Cory Myhers

Activities: Above and Beyond, Football, Baseball, and Basketball

Hometown Hero: Tim Popple because he is constantly working on things for basketball and always looking to get kids in the gym. He always invites the team over to his house, even if it is only to watch the bucks game. He is just a great role model and an even better coach.



24/7 365 There is always someone watching you. Whether it's a younger student or sibling, they always need someone to look up to for a set of standards. Being a good role model hopefully will inflict a positive attitude and way of going about things.

Bret Kostka

Activities: Above and Beyond, Football, Wrestling, Track, National Honor Society and FFA

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero is Dave Ferrier. He has a set of intensity and standards in himself that I have not seen in anyone else. He pushes himself to be the best he can be and do the best he can in every single task. His hard work and effort wears off onto me and I couldn't be more thankful. He pushes me to do my best and makes everyone around him a better person.



I like being part of Above and Beyond because it gives me many opportunities to do good in my community.

Andrea Kubishak

Activities: Above and Beyond, Basketball, Track, Student Council, Jazz Band, A Capella Choir, and Forensics

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero is Sue Fischer. Sue is always there for me and anyone who needs advice or a good hug. Sue is so kind and very welcoming, we became friends through ASP. Sue is my hometown hero because of all the time and dedication she puts into helping the kids in the Osseo community.



Hailey Ness

Activities: Above and Beyond, Cross Country,
Track, Tadd, FFA and FBLA

Hometown Hero: I chose Maggie Luallen to be my hometown hero, because she does nothing but good in this community and she is probably the most selfless person I know. She will go out of her way to help, rather it be at church or just in the community. She is like a second grandma to me, and I am so glad to have her be a part in this community.

It is very important for students and athletes to stay away from drugs and alcohol because you could get kicked off or suspended from your sport and get a bad reputation in the community.

Lena Berry

Activities: Above and Beyond, Mentoring,
TADD and Spanish Club



It is important for student athlete/club members to be a good role model because other students will see them making positive decisions and will want to follow in their footsteps.

Hometown Hero:
My hometown hero is my mom. This is because she always pushes me to the extent that she knows I can reach.

Maddy Mulcahy

Activities: Above and Beyond, FBLA,
Basketball, Track, NHS



I like being apart of above and beyond because it's a group that brings together students who care about their athletics, clubs, and academics. It supports us and encourages us to be successful.

Hometown Hero: Naomi Bodway is my hometown hero because of her commitment to the youth in our community. She spends immense amounts of personal time to helping mentor and support kids.



I feel it is important for students to stay away from drugs and alcohol because they both have a negative influence on your body, academics, and behavior.

Kelsie Doshier

Activities: Above and Beyond, Dance Team, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Musicals, Band

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero is Mr. Drayton because he is always pushing me to do my best and is always there when you need someone to talk to.



Being a good role model is important because the younger kids look up to us.

Connor Doshier

Activities: Above and Beyond, Football and Baseball

Hometown Hero: I am choosing Josh Anderson because he asked me be a part of Moose All Season Services LLC this summer.

He also gave me the opportunity to go hunting with him during the youth hunt.

Abby Mulcahy

Activities: Above and Beyond, Basketball,
Volleyball and FBLA



I am proud to be apart of the
Osseo Fairchild community
because there are lots of good
people in it that work to support
us kids.

Hometown Hero:
Carol Dodge is my
hometown hero
because she helped me
learn more about
myself, life, and the
meaning of how to give
to others.

Katie Gearing

Activities: Above and Beyond, NHS, Archery,
Musical, FBLA and Track



I like being part of Above and Beyond because we spread the message that being a good role model is important and we focus our work around helping others.

Hometown Hero: Mrs. Elizabeth Dickinsen is my hometown hero. I'm choosing her because she always has a positive outlook on life. Her love for teaching and what she teaches has taught me to persevere a career that makes me happiest no matter what.

Cole Windhorst

Activities: Above and Beyond, Cross
Country and Track and Field

Hometown Hero:
Mrs. Wood she is a
great coach and
always had great
guidance.



You never know who you is looking up
to you and if you are doing drugs and
alcohol you are doing harm to
yourself and others might follow in
your footsteps.

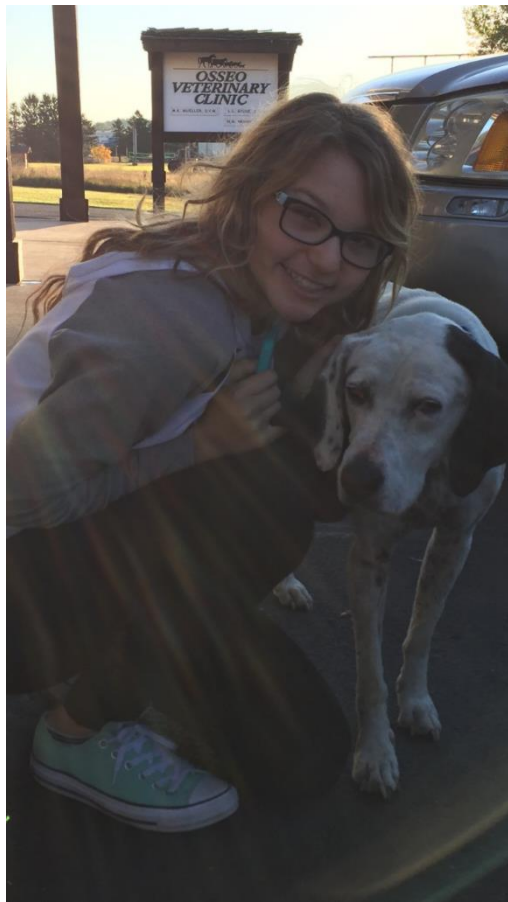


I like being apart of Above and Beyond because its great to represent the student body as someone who genuinely cares about staying alcohol and drug free. Being able to be a role model and spreading awareness of what we're about to others is a great opportunity given to us by being apart of this group.

Kaylie Mayer

Activities: Above and Beyond, Student Council, National Honor Society, and Volleyball

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero would be Nicole Nelson. Playing volleyball, she has the most supportive coach I have ever had. She knows exactly what to say when you have an off practice, when you don't know why your pass is shanking or when you're lacking self confidence in your game. She is someone who helped me re-find my love for the game and for that I will always be thankful for her.



Camryn Christopherson

Activities: Above and Beyond, Dance and TADD

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero is Amy Frieburg. I know that I am always welcome to talk to her, even if it is just about a random subject. She welcomes everyone with whatever they need and she does her best to make them happy. My dream career is a psychotherapist and she inspires me to strive to get there.

It is important for a student to be a good role model because it is a privilege to have someone look up to you. Only so many people get that opportunity and only so many people understand how important that is. The character of a person can be someone else's dream.



Above and Beyond is a great way for me, as well as the other members, to test and show their leadership skills and to show their character. This group is made up of amazing people, who always try to do their best, and who never give up, and I'm a part of that. I consider it a privilege to be in an amazing club like Above and Beyond. We also get good food at meetings. ;)

Shaun Windhorst

Activities: Above and Beyond, Football and Baseball

Hometown Hero: Besides being a great teacher, Mr. Hall is a great person and mentor. He talks to students outside of class, including me, to make sure they're doing alright in school and even out. He also cares for ALL his students, he never gives up hope on the individuals who choose not to put in effort, but he makes sure they do. That's why I choose Mr. Hall.



Ashley Skoyen

Activities: Above and Beyond, Volleyball, Softball, NHS, Band, Jazz Band

Hometown Hero: Eric Skoyen (My Dad) is my hometown hero. My dad pushes me to be a better athlete, and a better person. I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for him. Whether I'm having a rough game or the best match I've played, he's always going to support me. He's the most hard working man I've ever met, and is so passionate about the things he loves. I'll never thank him enough for all he does for me.

Drugs and alcohol ruin your reputation, friendships, and athletic performance. You have to choose what's more important to you in life, and your team and friends are counting on you to be smart.

Kari Herman



Activities: Above and Beyond, Cross Country, Basketball, Track and Field, Band, and National Honors Society

Hometown Hero: My "Hometown Hero" is Pam Pralle. Coach Pralle inspires many to follow their dreams, accept challenges, work on weaknesses, and not to give up. She encourages integrity and grit both on and off the court. Coach Pralle asks players to see beyond themselves as athletes and to contribute with a greater purpose, the team.

Not only is Coach Pralle serious about improving and growing athletes, she has a way to make practices and experiences fun. As the Osseo and Fairchild area Northwest League Basketball Director, Pam has positively touched many student/athletes.

A good role model does and says what is right even if it is not popular. Role models show they care for others and are able to help and support them in successes and challenges. Likewise, a good role model may inspire a young student athlete to set her heart on being like her role model.



It's important to stay away from drugs and alcohol because you're young, you have a long time before you would even have a reason to drink. Enjoy high school, enjoy sport, and enjoy your friends. That's all that matters right now cause after this before you know it you're getting your diploma. Don't regret anything you do here just have fun!

Amiah Faldet

Activities: Above and Beyond, Volleyball and FBLA

Hometown Hero: For my hometown hero I pick Amy McCune. She is always will to help out around her community and constantly volunteering at our church. She is my role model and many others'.



I am proud to be a part of the Osseo-Fairchild community because people come together to help people out, everyone knows each other, and the community overall is fantastic.

Ashton Bertrang

Activities: Above and Beyond, Volleyball and Dance

Hometown Hero: Kari Steen because she has been through so much and she is the strongest person I know.



Drugs and alcohol can affect you mentally and affect your future. Alcohol is a depressant and can cause you to not be stable meaning you won't work hard at easy everyday things.

Jenna Bischoff

Activities: Above and Beyond, Basketball and FBLA

Hometown Hero: Sharon Steinke, she works hard for the school and would do anything for you. Mrs. Steinke thinks about everyone individually and tries to help you achieve your goals. I was trying to buy a car and her being the business teacher she is, she helped me with researching information about the vehicle and how to negotiate a deal with the dealership. Whether I got the vehicle or not, she was there to help if I had any questions and offered great advice to take with me. Mrs. Steinke has inspired me to go to college for a business management degree and work hard towards my dreams.



Michelle Dewitz

Activities: Above and Beyond, Basketball, 4-H, NHS, Science Olympiad, Spanish club, FBLA, and Band

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero is Linda Rauter. Linda is selfless. She loves children and does an abundance for them and the community.

The Osseo-Fairchild community is super supportive. I enjoy going to sporting events and seeing the community there.



Everyone is connected and/or involved in the community in some way. Its easy to reach out to people and know that you have a community that is always willing to help out in some sort of way.

Cierra Hansen

Activities: Above and Beyond, Manage Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, FBLA, TADD and Choir

Hometown Hero: Patty Matthews is my hometown hero because she always has a way of making people smile and laugh. She has the biggest heart and is always there if you need someone.

Keila Kittelson

Activities: Above and Beyond, Golf, basketball, track, FBLA, and NHS



It's important to be a good role model because younger kids will see what we do and follow your actions. If they see bad things they will think it's okay and if you make positive decisions it will affect them in a positive way.

Hometown Hero: A hometown hero of mine is Arlene Matye. I admire Arlene because no matter what life gives her she always finds a way to push through it. Whenever I see her there is always a smile on her face. She lights up other people's days as well as mine.



Autumn Volbrecht

Activities: Above and Beyond,
Basketball, FBLA, NHS, Volleyball
manager

I feel it's super important to stay away from drugs and alcohol because it can affect your whole high school career. Kids portray drugs and alcohol to be "cool", but it's super dangerous and not cool. It can affect your body, brain, friendships, school, and everything around you.

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero would be Mrs. Simpson. She cares and loves everyone. She would do anything to help someone, to make them happy and smile. She's always willing to help someone in and outside the classroom. She's impacted my life in such a great way, outside and inside school. Also, she relates a lot of discussions to sports which is awesome.

Heidi Strey

Activities: Above and Beyond, Track, FFA, TADD, and NHS



Many people look up to students who are in sports and clubs, especially young kids. If they want to be in a sport or club, they are going to look at us and say, "I want to be just like them." It is important that we are good role models, so they make good choices, and so we don't leave a bad influence on them.

Hometown Hero: Mr. Drayton is my hometown hero. It is always so much fun walking into band every day with Mr. Drayton. He makes band fun, and is always willing to help us out anytime. I really appreciate that he cares about all of us, and he lets us call him dad. He is very committed to music, and always wants us to do our best. He is a great role model to look up to.



Rayanne Walker

Activities: Above and Beyond, Basketball, FFA, and NHS

I feel that it is important to stay away from drugs and alcohol because it is not the right choice to make. Drugs and alcohol affect not only you but also the people around you. There are much better things in life to occupy your time with than drugs and alcohol.

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero would have to be my grandma, Annamae Rud. She is always willing to do things for others. If one of us grandchildren/her children or even anyone need help, you know she will be there. If I can one day become half the woman she is, I know that I will be okay.



Megan Steinke

Activities: Above and Beyond, FBLA, Volleyball, Basketball, NHS, Above & Beyond, Band and Choir

Hometown Hero: One of my hometown heroes includes my late grandmother. She taught me so much about life; how to act, what to do when in certain situations, and how to be the best person that I can be. I honestly believe that, without her influence, I wouldn't be the person I am today.

I like being a part of Above and Beyond because it allows me to lead the younger kids who look up to me by example.

I would also like to recognize Naomi Bodway as a hometown hero.



Madison Volk

Activities: Above and Beyond, Volleyball, Track, FBLA, Quiz Bowl, NHS, Student Council, and Band

Hometown Hero: My hometown is Lexi Dawson. She not only has helped me as an athlete, but also a person. Lexi is never afraid to be upfront about anything and her honesty to the players and dedication to the Osseo-Fairchild Volleyball Program is something I will always admire about her.

I enjoy being a member of Above & Beyond because I get to be more involved with the community. With taking trips to the elementary and doing other small projects around the school, I am able to meet people that are younger and make more connections with more people in the community.



Makayla Steinke

Activities: Above and Beyond,
Basketball, Volleyball, Track or Softball
(don't know yet), Band, Choir, FBLA and
NHS

Hometown Hero: My hometown
hero is Lexi Dawson. She has
always pushed me to be the best I
can be. She has always believed I
can do anything I put my mind to
and I am so thankful to have had
her for 2 years of my volleyball
career.

I am proud to be in this community
because we have such great people
here that care about everyone and
want you to be the best you that you
can be.



It is important to be a good role model because we want to set an example for the younger students, and portray what being an active member in school and the community is.

Bella Nicolai

Activities: Above and Beyond, NHS, FBLA, Golf and Track

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero is Peggy Lundberg. I chose Peggy because she's a great leader in the community and never fails to put a smile on someone's face!



Carissa Scholze

Activities: Above and Beyond, Track & Field, Dance, FFA, TADD and NHS

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero is my step mom, Becky Scholze. She is an advocate for animal rights and has recently put a lot of effort into enforcing laws related to dog-chaining in our county and surrounding ones. This has taught me that if you really believe in something or have a goal in life, never stop until you accomplish it, no matter how hard it may be.

It's important to stay away from drugs and alcohol for many reasons. A big one for me is that it can cause you to be kicked out of the club's and sports that you are involved in, and love.

These things also affect our still developing brains and can cause permanent damage. Social activity, learning ability, and athletic performance are all indefinitely altered by the effects of drugs and alcohol.



We take for granted how nice our small community is and most people can't say they have a nice little small community like us. Sure it'd be nice to have all the stuff a huge city had, but really it is a totally different life.

Trevor Hammer

Activities: Above and Beyond, Basketball and Baseball

Hometown Hero: Ken Kaufman is my hometown hero. He is always around for me even with his busy schedule. He does plenty for all off his 5 grandchildren and He doesn't get the recognition that he deserves.



I think it is important for athletes and club members to be good role models because there are always younger people looking up to them to see how they behave. When an athlete behaves poorly, younger kids might start acting the same way, getting them into bad habits.

Josh Porter

Activities: Above and Beyond, Track, Cross Country, Archery, Basketball Manager, Quiz Bowl, NHS, Forensics, Science Olympiad, Student Council, Spanish Club, and AV Club

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero is Mr. Speckien. I chose Mr. Speckien because he is a wonderful person and is a great role model. He always is fun loving and hardworking.



Above and Beyond is a great group to be a part of because everybody respects you and it's a group that is willing to help out anyone

Wyatt McCune

Activities: Above and Beyond, Football, Basketball and Baseball

Hometown Hero: Brandt Freitag is my hometown hero because he is an awesome baseball coach. And he is always willing to help you and he shows respect to you.



Courtney Wilson

Activities: Above and Beyond, FBLA, NHS, Student Council, Science Olympiad, Spanish Club and Science Club

Hometown Hero: Margie Vold is an wonderful person in the Osseo-Fairchild Community. She always volunteers her time and is such a positive role model.

The Osseo-Fairchild community is a welcoming place to be. Everyone is friendly, and it has such an inclusive feel to it.

Caroline Tietjens

Activities: Above and Beyond, Science Club, Science Olympiad, Forensics, Track and Field, Spanish Club, NHS and the Musical

Hometown Hero: Les Munnik is someone who has definitely been a role model for me ever since I moved here. He's the one who got me involved in ASP and really influenced the way I view things. ASP even helped me realize that what I want to do after I graduate from college. Having someone like him who's so passionate about everything he does is really inspirational for me.



Osseo-Fairchild is a really great community to be a part of. I love that I can be a part of so many different things that in a bigger city would be part of. Instead of being lost in the crowd, I have an opportunity to speak up and become more active.

Korynn Metzler

Activities: Above and Beyond, Student Council, FBLA, NHS and Basketball



I think it's important for students to stay away from drugs and alcohol because it's hard enough to deal with all of the pressures of classes, tests, clubs and athletics. Adding drugs and alcohol to that will make it much harder to do all of the those things to your best ability.

Hometown Hero: My hometown hero is Pam Selz-Pralle. The main reason I look up to her is because of how hard she works. Pam used to be one of my coaches and she always went out of her way to help every single girl on team. At almost every practice she would remind us that if we ever needed help with anything whether it was school, family or anything else she would make time for us. Everyone could tell that she really cared about our the team. Pam is so inspiring and I'm happy to have her as one of my role models.

Ryan Myhers

Activities: Above and Beyond, Football,
Basketball and Baseball



I like being part of Above and Beyond
because of the food and fun
meetings.

Hometown Hero: I
chose Brandt
Freitag because he
taught me how to
play baseball. He is
serious but knows
how to have fun.



Mariah Gearing

Activities: Above and Beyond, Track, Archery, National Honor Society, and Student Council

I enjoy being part of Above and Beyond because it gives me reason. It allows me to volunteer and give back to the community and what it has given us. We are also able to give to those who aren't able to give. This group also allows me to be involved and work together with the other members to make a greater positive impact in people's lives.

Hometown Hero: Mr. Warren Dahl has been my varsity track coach for the past three years and will be again this year. He has encouraged me to push myself as an athlete in a way that is beneficial to me and my teammates! Being a loyal and determined person that he is, Mr. Dahl has impacted many people's lives over the years including mine. He is truly someone that the community is proud to have. Seeing my hometown hero around in the community instantly puts a smile on my face!



Sadie Bowerman

Activities: Above and Beyond, A apella Chior, Softball, Volleyball, TADD and NHS

Hometown Hero: I chose Frans Carlstrom as my hometown hero.

During the entire ASP trip he made me feel like I could do it, even when it was hot and I was tired. He taught me many things about my character and listened to my problems. Although I knew nothing about building things, he helped me until I understood and always made sure I had a job to do. I couldn't have asked for a better ASP leader!

I am proud to be apart of the community because we are all so close! I always feel supported by the adults in the community and I'm so grateful for that!



Ethan Dahl

Activities: Above and Beyond, Football, Baseball and Basketball

Hometown Hero: Jon Soiney is in charge of the merchants ballfield.

The field is actually named Jon Soiney Field. He had helped me learn how to play the game of baseball and taught me how to fix the field after a game. He put me in charge of the pitching mound.

Jon is really patient and would always offer anyone who works with him something to eat from the concessions stand. He is such a good person to look up to.

If you stay away from drugs and alcohol you will be happier in the long run. You will also be involved more within the school and the community because you will simply need something to do.



Erica Potter

Activities: Above and Beyond, FFA,
Volleyball and Choir

I like being part of Above and Beyond because it makes me feel like I am a good role model and one day kids might look up to me and say I want to be like you or even say thank you for teaching them what a good role model is. Being a TA has helped me out a lot because I have to be a role model for my first graders.

Hometown Hero: Mrs. Beasley because she has always been there for me when I need help and she notices when I am struggling so she steps in to help me understand what I am doing. I ask a lot of questions but she is always there to help me out and keeps coming back to make sure I am doing it right.



Above and beyond is a fun club to be in because it is helpful to the community.

Riley McIlquham

Activities: Above and Beyond, Basketball and Golf

Hometown Hero: My brother Isaac is my hometown hero because he has helped me out with a lot of my athletic abilities



Alcohol and drugs can mess with your future big time, and it's not a good way to represent the school and the community we live in.

Natalie Walsh

Activities: Above and Beyond, Volleyball and Student Council

Hometown Hero: Mrs. Simpson is my hometown hero. I chose her because she is there for you no matter what and it's not just because it's her job. She does it because she cares about each and everyone of us in this school. She is constantly trying to help everyone better themselves. She is also so approachable and easy to talk to if you have a problem. I'm so lucky to have someone like her I can trust and know is there for me and others.

Taylor Volbrecht

Activities: Above and Beyond, Cross
Country



Hometown Hero: Mrs. Nelson teaches me math and social studies. She is nice to me. Mrs. Nelson cares about me and treats me nice. Mrs. Nelson helps me in Cross Country and in school. That is why she is my hometown hero.