

The Above and Beyond 'Thunder Clap'  
Recognition for the Week of February 12th:

## Karmen Paulus



### Hometown Pride:

“Being involved in the OF community allows me to make a positive impact and contribute to something bigger. I have made many new friends and connections while being a part of this community. I love being surrounded by hard-working people that share common goals and experiences.”

### Bleacher Report (activities):

Sports: Track

Clubs: Above and Beyond, NHS, Culture Club, Student Council, FFA

Outside of School: 4H

### Thunder Role:

“It is important to be a good role model because it doesn't matter what stage of life you are in, someone will always be looking up to you. It is important to be the best influence that you can be so that the future generations will learn how they should act when they are to be our age and continue on keeping our community under great leadership.”

### Topic Thunder:

“It is important to stay away from drugs, alcohol, and tobacco because there are many ways in which they can make your life worse. They can undermine your future and cause you to lose focus, have unattainable emotions, cause poor health, and much much more. It is important to stay away from drugs, alcohol, and tobacco not just for your physical and mental health, but for the people that look up to you.”

### Scouting Report (quotes from teachers):

“I really appreciate Karmen's continued efforts and conscientiousness toward her schoolwork. She is always friendly, polite and fully engaged in class activities and discussions. Karmen is a pleasure to have in class!” – Mr. Stoik

“Karmen is one of the hardest working students I know. Her drive and tenacity can be seen in everything she does — she doesn't settle for anything but her best. It shows in her work and does not go unnoticed!”- Mrs. Schultz

“Karmen is a dedicated, well-rounded student who manages to balance being involved in practically every club while also maintaining high academics. She is a great role model for younger students and makes sure to include others and encourage them to get involved in organizations. She will definitely make an impact on the world with her passion for being involved in her community.” – Ms. Hayden

### Fan Deck (quotes from peers):

“Karmen is always on time for classes and helps me out when I have a question.”

“Karmen is a good leader at our school and loves to stay involved.”

“Karmen is a leader in the school and outside.”

“Karmen is an academic weapon. She helps students out when they are struggling on schoolwork and walks through problems they might be stuck on.”

### Hometown Hero:

“My hometown hero is Ms. Hayden. She has been a role model for me since she arrived at OFHS. Ms. Hayden has done more for the school and its students than you could ever imagine. I love how she is always leading by example and holding herself and her students to very high standards and our true potential. She has inspired my choices beyond high school and into college to pursue a career in agriculture as well as prepared me for my current job, which will lead me into what I want to do in the future. Ms. Hayden never stops working to provide opportunities for her students and deserves to be recognized for her involvement in the school and community.”