

**The Above and Beyond 'Thunder Clap'
Recognition for the Week of October 3rd:**

Paige Skoyen



Hometown Pride:

"I am proud to be part of the OF community because this is where my entire family has grown up from my grandparents to my younger siblings. The OF community is filled with people who care about seeing the OF youth succeed and they are extremely supportive. Our community is also very close, you can see someone at the grocery store and immediately carry on in conversation. Everybody knows everyone and I am proud to be part of this wonderful and caring community."

Bleacher Report (activities):

Clubs: Above and Beyond, Student Council, NHS, Hope Squad, FBLA, and Culture Club
Outside of School: Girl Scouts, Youth Group

Thunder Role:

"I think it is important to be a good role model because I remember idolizing people as a child and those people all set great examples for me to try and achieve. Anyone can be watching you and the way you act can make them think that is how they want to act. I have younger siblings and I know I only want them to strive to be the happiest and most successful versions of themselves. Leading my example is very important and I want to be someone that can help a person's day get even just a little bit better. "

Topic Thunder:

"Drugs and alcohol should be stayed away from because you are not yourself when influenced by these things. What you say and do while on drugs or drinking alcohol can be harmful to both yourself and others. Nobody want to see someone they care for suffer from the consequences of these things. I have seen how people's perspectives of a person who uses drugs or alcohol change completely. It's important to stay away because you can lose so many people's trust and your image in their minds can be ruined for good. "

Scouting Report (quotes from teachers):

"You can see it in Paige's eyes -- she's always thinking -- and it's written all over her face when she gets excited about something. She's enthusiastic and excited about learning, something all students should thrive to do." – Mrs. Beasley

"I love knowing that no matter what, Paige is always going to greet you with a friendly smile." – Mr. Stoik

"After having Paige in multiple classes and spending time with her for 11 straight days in Costa Rica, I can honestly say she is one of the best humans I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. She is energetic, fun, hilarious, kind, and down for anything! Those qualities, along with her dedication and natural knack for learning, will take her far no matter where she goes in life." – Mrs. Velasquez

"Paige is an extremely kind, welcoming, hardworking human being. She is an amazing role model for the younger people in our community." – Ms. Kestner

Fan Deck (quotes from peers):

"Paige Skoyen is super nice and also funny once you get to know her. She is also very helpful and knowledgeable."

"Paige Skoyen helps whenever asked challenges herself."

"Paige Skoyen is a genuinely caring person."

"Paige will always help someone catch up when they miss school."

"Paige organizes a lot of things for our class, is the class treasurer, and is always super sweet."

"Paige is a friend to all with the kindest and funniest personality. She is a great team leader with all of her clubs."

"Paige is nice and respectful to everyone and does great in school."

"Paige Skoyen is always in charge of all of our senior class things and takes charge on a lot of topics."

"Paige is very funny, kind, and outgoing!"

"Paige is sweet, easy to talk to, and caring to others."

"Paige is always willing to offer help to those who need it."

"Paige Skoyen is a nice human."

"Paige always steps up when someone is needed for anything."

Hometown Hero:

"My hometown hero is Ashley Skoyen. Ashley is my older sister who I have looked up to for as long as I can remember. She is independent, kind, dedicated, insanely smart, and she knows her own self-worth. She is the best big sister on the planet and is always someone I look to when I need advice or guidance. I've seen her handle every situation thrown her way and no matter what is going on in her life she still makes sure everyone around her is happy and well. I am so proud to have her as my sister. I can't thank her enough for everything she has done for me and taught me. I love her to death and can't wait to see all she becomes."