

DPHS selects latest 'Panther of the Month'



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Haley Deane was selected as a David Prouty High School Panther of the Month.

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SPENCER — School involvement has been very impressive this year at David Prouty High School. For senior Haley Deane, getting involved last month earned her Panther of the Month

honors.

Deane was nominated by Principal Elizabeth York following the senior's efforts in helping to make the Spencer Parade of Lights a memorable event for the DPHS community. Students and staff decorated a float with lights and ornaments, and they even dressed up as holiday-themed characters to celebrate the season.

"Haley exhibited Prouty Pride in abundance in her work on the float for the Parade of Lights. Her performance as Clara was excellent," Principal York said.

Deane credits several teachers with guiding her successful career at Prouty – and always challenging and inspiring her. Though she has formed strong bonds with many staff members, she said her favorite teachers are Mr. Grady, Ms. Mehringer, Ms. McCarthy, Ms. Sitterly, Ms. Howard, Ms. Gingras, Mr. James, Ms. King and Ms. Thibeault.

"They are all so sweet and have helped shape me into who I am today. I know they'll always be there to help me when I need it," said Deane, whose favorite

subjects are English and history. "The most rewarding parts of high school are the relationships I have made with the teachers. They deserve way more credit than they've been given."

Deane's teachers have been so inspiring, in fact, that they helped fuel her passion for education. Looking ahead, Deane plans to study at MCLA, with a goal of eventually becoming a high school English teacher. She also thanked her mother for always supporting her along her journey.

"My mom is a beautiful, hard-working woman who shows so much love and compassion to everyone she meets," Deane said.

Outside of school, Deane enjoys reading and taking dance classes at Dance Techniques in Spencer. Reflecting on four years at Prouty, it's difficult to believe that the end of the road is fast approaching.

"Appreciate the memories you make here, because Prouty sure is an interesting place," Deane

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answered when asked to provide advice to incoming freshmen for success at DPHS. "I would also say again that our teachers are so amazing and will help you with anything. Make sure to create bonds with them – they really do care about the students here."

Also earning Panther of the Month honors was sophomore Morggan Fontaine. He was nominated by teachers who recognized his efforts in assisting classmates with an array of items in his accounting class. His leadership role as an underclassman has been impressive to students and staff alike.

In addition to his success in the classroom, Fontaine has also kept busy outside of Prouty. He works at Spencer Country Inn, and he even finds the time to fix computer hardware and software

on the side.

Like Deane, DPHS teachers have played a key role in Fontaine's development.

"My favorite teachers are Mr. Grady because his personality is unique, and he always manages to get students to laugh here and there," Fontaine said. "[Also], Ms. McCarthy –she always has a positive attitude no matter what. [And] Ms. Gingras – every morning she comes in and lights up the room."

Fontaine's favorite subjects are history, English, and graphic design. Though his future plans still aren't defined as a sophomore, he hopes to eventually work with computers in some capacity.

Fontaine cited Steve Jobs, Larry Page, Sergey Brin and Bill Gates as his role models.

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