DPHS recognizes outstanding students





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Maggie Paul and Evan Fritze were selected as March's David Prouty High School Panthers of the Month.

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SPENCER – David Prouty High School's March Panthers of the Month both have well-defined career ambitions, and they credit their families and teachers with helping them fulfill their potential.

Maggie Paul and Evan Fritze were selected as the latest Panthers of the Month after receiving nominations from their teachers. Paul, a junior from Spencer, has been involved in several activities at Prouty, including Student Council and National Honor Society. She has also found the time to get involved as a member of the Envirothon team, varsity tennis team, Key Club, Model United Nations, Future Nurses Club, Best Buddies Club, Movie Club, HYPEDD (Helping Youth Prevent Drunk Driving), and the Student Handbook Committee.

Paul has also been successful in the classroom, impressing teachers with her work ethic and commitment.

"One of my favorite teachers is Mrs. Thibeault," Paul said. "She is extremely genuine and down-to-earth, and is always willing to offer her kindness and advice to her students. She does all that she can to ensure her students' success in her classes."

Fritze, a senior from Spencer, has also found success in the classroom and on the playing field. As graduation approaches and he has time to reflect on his four-year career, he has many great memories of his time in a Panther uniform. He captains the baseball team and was also a member of the varsity basketball and football teams.

Indeed, sports have played a vital role in Fritze's journey at Prouty, and he hopes incoming freshmen will be inspired to get involved and keep the Panther program strong.

"The most rewarding part of high school has been being a part of multiple teams where I found new friends and grew closer with old friends," Fritze said in an interview. "My advice to incoming freshmen is to try a sport and do as much as possible with the school."

Looking ahead, Fritze plans to major in criminal justice with hopes of eventually becoming an FBI agent or a Homeland Security agent. Paul, meanwhile, plans to study pre-med or nursing in college. She also wants to travel extensively and study abroad at some point.

"The most rewarding part of high school for me has been the multitude of opportunities that I have been so blessed to have," Paul added. "Prouty has aided me in pursuing ventures I previously wouldn't have imagined taking on."

Outside of school, Paul enjoys volunteering, taking pictures, snowboarding, traveling, and playing tennis. She described her parents as her best role models, and she is thankful for all of her extracurricular opportunities at Prouty and her past schools.

"Getting involved and creating opportunities will always pay off and will make your high school experience that much more enjoyable and memorable." Paul said.

Fritze also didn't need to look too far to find an inspiring role model.

"Growing up, I had a couple of role models – but the one who still affects my life today is my mother," added Fritze, whose favorite subjects are math and history. "She is the hardest working person that I know. If she can't get something correct the first time, then she keeps trying until she does."