

New student organization recognizes staff excellence

March brings with it change, and this is the case for the newly formed Key Club at David Prouty High School, an international organization and the only affiliate in the area. Members intend to implement Key Club's motto "Caring-What We Stand For" as a way to increase service both within the school and community. They also hope to raise school spirit. All the activities the club sponsors are directed by its core values which include caring and inclusiveness.

The student-led club advised by volunteer Mr. Hauske, a history teacher at Prouty who feels public service is very important, is driven by students who want to provide service, build character, and develop leadership.

"I think it's great that we have Key Club. To be able to join and not be elected makes it so inclusive. Everyone is welcome," says Mikayla Halloran, one of the club's members.

This month Key Club members are sponsoring the first of many "Staff Member of the Month" programs. This program is new to David Prouty. Kelly McCarthy, a DPHS English teacher, is the club's first recipient to receive this honor.

"Yay! This is so nice," she said upon receiving her first round of rewards: a jug of coffee and a t-shirt bearing the club's logo. Other honors Ms. McCarthy will receive during the month, according to club members, is a cleaning of her



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Kelly McCarthy is the first person honored by the Key Club

classroom and baked treats.

"She deserves it. Ms. McCarthy is so involved. She cares about each student and their success," stresses Halloran.

Liz York, DPHS principal, also appreciates Key Club's mission: "This is a wonderful service-oriented club that involves youth from all over the world in making their communities stronger. The "Staff Member of the Month" initiative is a nice way for students to say thanks to teachers. I can say I am proud to have Key Club here."

More information about Key Club's mission can be found at www.keyclub.org.