

Newest NHS members inducted at Prouty

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SPENCER – Sixteen David Prouty High School students made the commitment to service and leadership last week by joining the school's National Honor Society.

The NHS induction ceremony took place on March 28, with students' families, classmates and teachers in attendance to celebrate their accomplishment. Senator Anne Gobi, a member of the DPHS Class of 1980, served as the featured speaker, congratulating students on their dedication to academics and service.

The ceremony also included the lighting of candles representative of each NHS cornerstone. Current NHS members welcomed the newcomers following a distribution of certificates, and together they will lead the program into the next school year and beyond.

"Induction into the National Honor Society is an accomplishment that



David Prouty High School National Honor Society inductees are welcomed.

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is respected by students and faculty alike. These students have demonstrated accomplishments in academics, service, leadership, and character," said DPHS Principal Elizabeth York. "They will receive additional opportunities to serve our school, and to be trained at NHS conferences."

For NHS advisor Keith Servant, the induction ceremony is always a bittersweet event. While he is excited to welcome

new members to NHS, the ceremony serves as an annual reminder that he only has about six weeks left with his current group intact. But as senior leaders get ready to move on to the next chapter of their lives, new members are eager to keep the proud tradition going.

"I have had many of these 16 students in class – whether it was an honors class or an AP class – and each and every one of them exemplifies

the four pillars of the National Honor Society," Servant said. "Parents, teachers, and members of the community should be very proud of these 16 students for what they have achieved."

Servant and other school leaders thank the outgoing NHS members, who will put a cap on their successful careers in June.

"It was a joy being their NHS advisor this year. I know each and every one of them will

go on to do great things, and they will be sorely missed here at Prouty," Servant added.

"I'd also like to thank our guest, Senator Gobi. Her speech was heartfelt, insightful, and motivational, and it is clear that she has a passion for David Prouty and for Spencer."

Gobi's accomplishments demonstrate the many opportunities that exist for DPHS students, administrators said, describing her as a strong

role model. The event also included a poem read by current NHS member Jaymee Hayes, a speech from NHS Vice President Alivia Lamoureux, and introductory pieces performed by the DPHS concert band.

School officials thank everyone who got involved to make the event memorable for new and present NHS members.

"I am very happy for all of our inductees, and I know that this is just the first of many achievements ahead for each of them," York said later in an interview.

New inductees include Emily Anderson, Jacquelyn Bokis, Jayme Dowd, Michaela Duquette, Briana Fancy, Kaylee Gallagher, Christopher Gleason, Mikayla Halloran, Alysia Joppas, Desiree Melvin, Alice Ordnung, Magdalen Paul, Isaiah Perez, Connor Scott, Evans Soter, and Joseph Wilkman.