

# DPHS announces November Panthers of the Month



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Caitlynn Kelly and Colin Nosek were selected as November's David Prouty High School Panthers of the Month.

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SPENCER — Students often describe getting involved in extracurricular programs as an important key to success, but David Prouty High School's November Panthers of the Month take school involvement to the next level.

Senior Caitlynn Kelly and sophomore Colin Nosek, both of Spencer, have taken on many programs and activities at Prouty. Kelly is a member of Student Council and the Yearbook Club, where she has collaborated on several projects that mean a lot to students. Her teach-

ers have played a big role in inspiring her to achieve great things at Prouty and beyond.

When asked about her favorite teachers, the senior said, "Kelly McCarthy because she is one of the most genuine people I have ever met. She does so much for me and everyone at the school, and she is making my last year at Prouty truly incredible. I also love Kelly King. She was my coach for a bit, and she is one of the funniest and most inspiring people I have met."

Nosek, meanwhile, is a member of multiple programs and sports teams. Athletically, he has competed since seventh grade on the varsity golf team, and this year will mark his second season on the junior varsity basketball team. He has also played a season of baseball, splitting time between the varsity and JV teams this past spring.

Moreover, Nosek is a member of Student Council and the Student Advisory Committee, which meets monthly with Superintendent Tracy Crowe. In just his sophomore campaign, Nosek has already taken on several leadership roles, including treasurer of the Student Council and captain of the golf team.

"The most rewarding part of high school has been getting involved and doing a lot of things," Nosek said. "When I play sports, I feel rewarded watching my teammates and I succeed. In other activities like Student Council, I enjoy seeing the happiness that our activities and projects bring to the students and faculty."

Both students have well-defined plans for the future. Kelly, whose favorite subjects are English, psychology and creative writing, has her sights set on a career in education.

"I hope to be in college a year from now — and eventually teaching in a high school and inspiring people as my teachers have inspired me," Kelly said. "A very large goal for me is to write a book someday. Books have been important to me for my whole life, and I would love to create something like that for someone else."

Looking ahead to college, though he still has a few years to prepare, Nosek envisions himself pursuing a business degree, then continuing on to achieve a master's degree in accounting. He hopes to attend Harvard University, and he thanks his role models for having a huge impact on his academic success to date.

"My mother has been the biggest influence in my life due to her hard work and outstanding character," Nosek added. "My mother grew up in a family of five, meaning she had to work hard in everything that she did in life. No matter what was happening in her life, she always had the same positive

attitude toward everyone."

Outside of school, Nosek enjoys swimming, playing basketball with his friends, and going to the beach. Also, he participates in many activities through his church, like altar serving, CCD, and food pantry volunteerism. In her spare time, Kelly tries to get as much reading and writing done as possible, in addition to spending time with friends and family.

Both students have strong advice for incoming freshmen seeking success at Prouty.

"Join as many extracurricular activities as you can," said Kelly, who also described her mother as an important

role model for her. "When you get to your senior year where I am and you're applying to colleges, you are going to want to have had a great time. You'll make so many memories that you can look back on."

Added Nosek, "Get involved every chance you get. Through activities like Student Council and many sports teams, you can develop into a truly wonderful young man or woman. If you get involved now, you will not be disappointed in the future."

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