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Prouty student has brains...and an interest in them

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SPENCER — David Prouty High School senior Eric Fyrberg has been impressive in all facets of his career, with countless hours of hard work recently translating into a major honor.

Fyrberg was selected as this year's Superintendent Scholar Award winner for DPHS. Last month, the Spencer resident accompanied SEBRSD Superintendent Tracy Crowe to an award luncheon at Worcester's Clark University, joining several other winners from throughout the area.

One student in each school district is chosen annually for the award by the superintendent. When making her decision, Crowe not only considered academic success but also extracurricular participation, leadership and citizenship. The award is meant to honor well-rounded students who display excellence in several areas.

"Eric has excelled both in the classroom and on the playing field. He has very strong convictions, and he works hard at everything he does," Crowe said.

Fyrberg has captained the varsity soccer team and outdoor track team for the past two years, in addition to leading the indoor track team during his senior season. He currently serves as the vice president of Student Council, and he is also a member of the DPHS National Honor Society.

As if Fyrberg's schedule isn't packed enough, he somehow found the time to



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David Prouty High School senior Eric Fyrberg, of Spencer, was recently selected as the district's Superintendent Award recipient. Here, he receives the award from Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District Superintendent Tracy Crowe.

participate in the Brain Bee, a neuroscience competition held at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester every year.

"To win this award was initially shocking, as there was only one student picked and I was astounded it was me," Fyrberg said. "I am very honored

to be the recipient, and I would like to believe that it is a reflection of all the work I have put into this school and its programs."

Fyrberg took the opportunity to recognize several teachers who had a role in assisting him throughout his time at Prouty.

"I would have to say Mrs. McCarthy was the teacher who inspired me the most over my years at DPHS," Fyrberg said. "She has such a sense of pride for the school and it radiates off her. I am proud of my school, and I am proud to be a Panther."

Looking ahead, Fyrberg plans to major in biology at Worcester State University next fall. After graduation from college, he plans to attend an area medical school, then earn his doctorate and enter the medical field. He hasn't nailed down which branch of medicine he will eventually pursue, but he envisions working directly with patients in a hospital setting.

No matter which route he chooses, school officials know his passion and dedication will go with him.

"His persistence and leadership made him a perfect candidate for this award," Crowe added. "He is always pushing himself, and he is also very humble."

Earlier in his career at Prouty, Fyrberg was named as a Panther of the Month. He has served as a great example for underclassmen seeking to solve the tricky balance between academic and athletic success, officials said.