

# Press Release



CONTACT: Jim Blaney  
Community Unit School District 303  
201 S. Seventh Street  
St. Charles, IL 60174  
331.228.4904

---

## North H.S. Student Receives Presidential Award Claire Miller Named Winner of Volunteer Service Award

February 22, 2017

St. Charles North H.S. student Claire Miller has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service by being named a recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award.

The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Barack Obama. St. Charles North nominated Claire for national honors this fall in recognition of her volunteer service.

In addition to serving as program coordinator of "Make a Difference St. Charles" with the "Feed My Starving Children" Pack Event, Claire also serves as North H.S. Senior Class President and she is also a member of Team Polaris, the Environmental Club, her church youth group, the Fellowship of Christian Students, and is one of two District 303 students serving as liaisons to the District 303 Board of Education Community Relations Committee.

A teacher of Claire's writes; "Claire is a natural leader. One I depend on when stressful events get complicated; and one I know will shape the future of our community and/or country. Claire embodies the qualities inherent in a role model; natural leadership, unshakeable dependability, selfless service to others and deeply felt responsibility to live an authentic life".

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), recognizes middle and high school students across America for outstanding volunteer service.

Award applications were distributed nationwide last September through middle and high schools, Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs and HandsOn Network affiliates. These schools and officially-designated local organizations nominated Local Honorees, whose applications were advanced for state-level judging. In addition to granting President's Volunteer Service Awards on behalf of President Barack Obama, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards selected State Honorees, Distinguished Finalists and Certificate of Excellence recipients. Volunteer activities were judged on criteria including personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact and personal growth.

####