



Media Advisory

Grace Beatty, Kankakee High School, Kankakee, IL recognized for the Youth Energy Leadership Award.

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Manassas, Virginia – The NEED Project is pleased to announce the 2021 recipient of the Youth Energy Leadership Award to Grace Beatty of Kankakee High School in Kankakee, Illinois!

The Youth Energy Leadership Award was created by NEED's Board of Directors to recognize students who go above and beyond in their pursuit of energy knowledge and the teaching of others. This prestigious award is designed to honor students demonstrating effective leadership skills and energy knowledge throughout their association with NEED.

NEED congratulates Grace Beatty of Kankakee High School on receiving the 2021 Youth Energy Leadership Award. This award includes a \$1,500 scholarship to be used for educational plans. The award will be given at the 41st Annual NEED Youth Awards for Energy Achievement in Washington, D.C. on June 27, 2021. Grace will be attending Olivet Nazarene University this fall to major in Biology.

Grace has been involved with NEED for the past eight years, including being a part of Youth Staff for NEED's Annual Youth Awards Program for Energy Achievement. Grace shares, "Working at the Youth Awards Conferences has enabled me to learn how to work with others and communicate effectively."

NEED has enjoyed watching Grace's leadership skills grow each year. Just this past summer, Grace volunteered to lead an Instagram Live session for NEED experimenting and teaching about endothermic and exothermic processes. This was an opportunity for teachers and students across the country to tune in and learn about energy. She has also demonstrated her knowledge of energy forms and energy transformations by helping facilitate teacher workshops. Grace believes in the importance of being an energy wise consumer as she applied this belief in an energy debate for an AP Human Geography class. Outside of class, Grace possesses a multitude of skills, from being a part of drama club, playing the piano, an advanced dance choreographer, secretary of Student Council, and on the Student Leadership Team at her church.

Congratulations, Grace! We are so happy you are a part of the NEED family!

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