



Media Advisory

Jayden Chan, Oswego East High School, Oswego, 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 Jayden Chan of Oswego East High School in Oswego, 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 Jayden Chan of Oswego East High School in Oswego, Illinois on receiving the 2021 Youth Energy Leadership Award. This award includes a \$1,500 scholarship to be used for post-high school 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. This fall, Jayden plans to attend the University of Minnesota to major in Chemical Engineering.

Jayden has been involved with the NEED Youth Energy Conference & Awards for the past six years, including serving on the NEED Youth Staff. Jayden's willingness to help anyone and his knowledge in STEM and energy make him an important part of the team.

From being the treasurer and historian of Tri-M National Honors Society, President of Mandarin Club, President of the National Chinese Honors Society, and a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Jayden's extra-curricular high school activities also include the Marching Band Squad Leader and Varsity Tennis. Additionally, Jayden shares his knowledge and passion for energy education and awareness with his community. In 7th grade he was part of a group of students that started an environmental and energy conservation club at his school, and he has helped host Energy Fairs and an Electronic Recycling Drive.

Jayden says, "Learning about energy and the impact on the world through NEED gave me a foundation in which I grew upon and fueled my passion for science and STEM and is one of the reasons I plan to major in Chemical Engineering in college."

His recommendation from teacher Amy Truemper praises Jayden's leadership skills and how he listens well to teammates when they share ideas and helps his team reach a consensus on what to do next. Jayden has an upbeat personality and comes up with unique approaches to a problem. Amy goes on to say, "I am confident that he will use his degree in chemical engineering to help make the world a better place. I predict that in the future Jayden will identify a societal problem and use his skills to help fix it."

We are so proud of Jayden and look forward to seeing all that he accomplishes!

For more information about the NEED Project and the Youth Energy Leadership Award, please contact Mary E. Spruill at (703) 257-1117 or mspruill@need.org.

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