



Media Advisory

Teegan Mathey, 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 Youth Energy Leadership Award to Teegan Mathey 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 Teegan Mathey 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.

Teegan's intellectual accomplishments are surpassing. She has been accepted into the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Rho Kappa, National English Honor Society, National Science Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, and Key Club. Teegan is also involved in her community with over 150 hours of community service, and she plays for the Sabres Girls Hockey Team!

Teegan has been a part of the NEED Youth Energy Conference & Awards staff for the past 5 years, a student intern with the largest electric utility in Illinois, ComEd, and a youth mentor for the Exelon STEM Academy. Exelon President and CEO Chris Crane surprised Teegan in May 2021 with news that she is 1 of 7 amazing young women to receive a full-ride scholarship from Exelon's STEM Leadership Academy Scholarship for Academy alumnae! Teegan will be majoring in Environmental Science this fall at the University of Alabama.

She shares, "I am grateful for the students I have had the opportunity to impact so far, and I am excited to continue growing my energy and environmental knowledge in college so I can be a mentor to an even greater number of students."

A nomination from her AP Environmental Science and Honors Earth & Space Science teacher, Corey Puckett, expresses how self-motivated and passionate Teegan is. He says, "Her steadfast commitment was evident each day, allowing her to initiate some of the most outstanding projects I've witnessed in all my years of teaching. Above all, Teegan has been the single greatest leader I have taught in my ten years in education."

NEED is honored to present this award to Teegan, congratulations! She's certainly one to watch!

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