

# Kids with Character

Honest, trustworthy, and dependability on a daily basis are characteristics that inspired Dawn Balog, a Lorain County Joint Vocational School teacher, to nominate her son Adam, 14, for The Chronicle-Telegram's Kids with Character.

"As a child as young as 5 years old, Adam was always brainstorming ways to help those in need. Be it helping a neighbor with simple chores, assisting a fellow classmate with school work to participating in several charitable activities, Adam always put others' needs before his own," Balog said.

Adam has been involved in the St. Jude Giving Tree Project that assists families throughout the county with basic necessities and gifts since he was in kindergarten. Adam earned the trust of the project coordinators to help spearhead the registration of gifts, gift wrapping, and distribution, which can be a daunting task.

As a freshman at Midview High School, Adam continues to seek ways to help those in need, through monetary and food donations, as well as his own personal time. He strives for the best in himself both academically and physically through sports.

"It's a pleasure not only as a parent, but also from the eyes of a teacher, to watch him grow and flourish into a young gentleman." said Balog.



## Adam

This recognition showcases students who have made a difference by accepting responsibility, showing kindness, valuing others' concerns, helping resolve conflicts and honoring their commitments.



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