

Kids with Character

Being labeled a Kid With Character has nothing to do with age, but as more candles find their way to the birthday cake, it becomes more of a challenge to find nominees for this Chronicle honor. With all of the distractions that come with being in high school, it's understandable if consistent good character gets left in the eighth-grade backpack from time to time.

Unless you're Laura Allen. The Vermilion High School sophomore embodies everything admirable about being a Kid With Character.

"Laura is a very helpful and kind girl," said Nicole Kinney, who nominated her. "She is always there to help others in need. She volunteers to help children who need assistance in school and at a local AMVETS."

Remember, we're talking about a busy, popular high school teenager here, which makes Laura even more deserving of this distinction.

"She has a great personality and is always willing to go the extra mile to accomplish her goals," Kinney said. "She has excellent grades and is involved with lots of school activities."

Those activities include LEO Club, AMVETS Juniors., choir, musicals and, because she apparently doesn't need sleep, several honors classes.

"She has a great future planned for herself in the medical field," said Kinney, who then summed it up best, saying: "I believe that Laura is a great example that all children should follow."

All children. All ages.



Laura

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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