

# kids with character

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

**B**rian Bojarski, 16, was nominated to be a Chronicle-Telegram Kid With Character for showing dedication to serving others while being highly committed to his academics.

While attending Clearview High School, Brian is earning college credits for courses including English, biology and psychology.

Alicia Howard, a counselor and cross country track coach at Clearview, said he's shown the drive and determination that a college campus would be looking for in a student.

"He's a student who takes initiative," Howard said. "I think it says a lot about how much he cares his future and his academics."

But outside of the classroom, Brian runs in cross country, where he habitually encourages his teammates from the sidelines to do their best.

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"I've seen him go above and beyond really in a lot of areas," Howard said. "We have a tent that we set up for cross country and he's the first one to set it up and take that down."

She speculated that he may have learned that kind of initiative from being in the Eagle Scouts, where he recently completed a leadership project. It entailed doing landscaping at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8686 in Sheffield Lake. He helped lay a brick pathway and put new plants into fresh mulch.

Brian also helped raise funds to pay for the VFW project. He approached Buffalo Wild Wings, which agreed to donate a portion of its earnings one day to his project, and he asked for donations from friends. In the end, Brian still gave almost \$100 out of his own pocket to the project to see it through.

Howard said she's proud of Brian's service in the Eagle Scouts. "It's an honor," she said. "It's such a good citizenship thing to do."

His mother, Stephanie, said he's grown a lot since entering high school.

"He had a lot of things going on at one time while he was doing that project," she said, "eally proud of him."

His other extracurricular activities have included student council, marching band, jazz band and Youth 4 Youth, a service organization.

Brian lives in Lorain with his mother and stepfather, Howard and Stephanie Lamont, as well as his siblings, Amy and Leland.



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Clearview High School

