

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.

Jacob Saxton, 18, was nominated to be a Chronicle-Telegram Kid With Character for the way he treats other people with kindness and compassion.

Gina Gibson is the assistant principal and athletic director at his school, Keystone High. She said she nominated Jacob because he, "in so many capacities, makes everyone around him smile.

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the opportunity to be positive, and to think of cool behavior as that which is choosing kindness."

Gibson said she's had Jacob in her English class where she's seen him take the time to do the little things that bring positivity and smiles to his classmates and that's what sets him apart.

Jacob works with an elementary teacher, Donna Gray, to help tutor her students. "My students love it when Jacob is with us," Gray said. "He is so personable and greets each child with such gusto! He takes time to ask each child how they are that day. The children say he is nice, kind, thoughtful and he helps a lot. He lets each child he works with feel important. When he arrives, he brings sunshine into the room.

"It has been a great pleasure to work with Jacob this year."

His positive attitude carries over to the football, track and basketball teams, where Gibson said he's always picking up his teammates.

The other students love to pick him up, too — the student section in the stands always cheers loudly for Jacob when gets into the game.

"Jacob leaves his heart out on the court," Gibson said.

Jacob lives with his parents, John and Kathleen, in Penfield Township.



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Keystone High School

