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Grace Bruehl Honored as Lutheran Junior Honor Association Student of the Year

Grace Bruehl, seventh grade student at Holy Cross Lutheran Academy in Sanford, Fla. is the first student selected for this honor from the new Lutheran Junior Honor Association (LJHA). She was selected by a team of Lutheran school educators who serve on the LJHA Task Force of the Lutheran Education Association.

Grace credited her parents for contributing to her success and service mindedness. She said, “My parents taught me that living a life of purpose included leading by example, giving back to the community, serving others, and doing my very best in whatever God has entrusted to me.”

Several letters of recommendation indicated Abigail’s qualifications for LJHA’s Student of the Year. Grace’s nominator said, “Her dedication to academics and our school shines through in everything Grace touches. She is an example of a dedicated Christian leader. Her strong faith, her love for fellow man, and the deep dedication to make a difference in the world make her an excellent candidate for the first Lutheran Junior Honor Association Student of the Year!”

One of Grace’s teachers described her as “a student of extraordinary character. She is much more interested in doing what is right than what is popular.” Another teacher said, “Grace is a true example of the Holy Cross Lutheran Academy motto—Love God, Love Others, Love Learning. She is faithful, kind, caring, and full of joy.” A third teacher remarked, “Grace is an intelligent, capable, dedicated, and personable young woman. She is always quick on her feet, with sensible reactions in all the circumstances in which I’ve seen her.”

Grace’s participation in advanced math classes and her 4.0 GPA evince her academic excellence. In addition, she serves her school and community by participating in the school’s anti-bullying campaign, Christmas Toys for Tots, art supply drive, and Bible class.

Lutheran Junior Honor Association is an international organization designed for Lutheran schools to recognize students who exercise leadership, servanthood, and discipleship, while excelling at academics and to foster these qualities through service projects and other activities.

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