



City of SANTA CLARITA Teen Hero

The mission of the Neighborhood Empowerment Safety Team (NEST) is to collaborate and facilitate education and prevention programs that create alternatives to gang involvement and ensure Santa Clarita is safe, family-centered and gang free.

NEST is comprised of city staff, law enforcement, local agency representatives, and community volunteers who coordinate a community effort.

Know a youth who would benefit from NEST programs? Want to volunteer or learn more? Call Anthony Martinez for more information at (661) 286-4006.

Maddelyn Flagg

Congratulations, Maddelyn Flagg, for being selected as a "Santa Clarita Valley Teen Hero."

Santa Clarita's newest Teen Hero, Maddelyn Flagg, is an 11th grade student at Sequoia Charter School. She was selected by Sequoia Principal, Brandi Davis.

According to Principal Davis, Maddelyn was chosen as a SCV Teen Hero because of her hard work and perseverance. "This young woman demonstrates phenomenal perseverance in the face of adversity. She is a gifted artist and writer who works diligently to maintain a high academic standard while striving to be a positive influence among her peers. Maddelyn is amazing and inspiring," said Brandi Davis.

Maddelyn has overcome many obstacles such as growing up without a father in her life. She also struggled with social anxiety, having been a victim of bullying, which made it hard for her to fit in with her peers.

"One of the greatest losses in my early teens was the loss of my grandmother to cancer," said Maddelyn. "She was very influential my life. My Aunt Dorianne is very influential in my life as well," Maddelyn said. "She is very hard working

and determined and as a result has become a vital mentor, encouraging and teaching me to enjoy each moment in life.

Attending Sequoia Charter School has been a positive experience for me. It's a small school with a therapeutic environment. Teachers are inspiring and students genuinely care for one another."

Maddelyn enjoys Anime which is a form of Japanese animated production, as well as creative writing and writing poetry. When asked about her plans for the future, Maddelyn's goal for the immediate future is to work in a creative environment at a well-known bookstore in Santa Clarita. Her long range goals include attending college in Australia. She looks forward to settling down one day, creating a happy family, and being a good mother.

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