

BHS Key Club

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Key Club is a student and teacher run volunteer service club focused on serving the community and encouraging students to get involved and continue to impact their district in a positive way. For Brockport High school, this is by far the most popular club in the school. Key Club is not only a volunteer service club but it also helps students build valuable leadership skills through opportunities such as the Key Leader weekend retreat and running to be elected as a club officer.

Each student member is given the opportunity to become involved in a variety of volunteer jobs. This includes working with and building relationships with the elderly through bingo at Beikirch, women's night, men's night at Beikirch and several other opportunities. We also do many events such as the food collection

for the Brockport food shelf, bell ringing for Salvation Army, St. Luke's harvest kitchen and even volunteering to help with Brockport High School Peace Day.

One of the most popular service jobs is Village cleanup which typically happens twice per year. During this time students meet up at the Utica Street Park and then break off into smaller groups and continue throughout the town picking up and disposing of garbage and helping our community to become cleaner. In return, the parks become less cluttered and it is a great way to spend time with your friends while impacting the community in a positive way!

Key Club students also are given many opportunities to work with kids through the elementary schools. We participate in the Hill School parent night, Barclay books and bingo, and last year we helped with math night which was also surprisingly exciting.



With more than 80 opportunities to volunteer this school year it is very easy for students to complete the required 10 hours of volunteer service and hopefully be motivated to go above and beyond in getting more involved in their community.

Whether a student wants to use their artistic skills, their ability to work with those young and old, or just their drive to help others and improve the community, Key Club is a great opportunity to take advantage of!

Congratulations Brockport's Best!

During the November 18 Board of Education meeting, the Board recognized the following as Brockport's Best!

High School freshman **Brianna Young** was recognized for her athletic and academic accomplishments last year. Hall Monitor **Jim Billington** and Teacher **Mike Evancho** were both recognized for their dedication and support with students and staff in the 12:1:1 classroom. Secretary **Kathy Sime** was honored for going above and beyond her work to help with the Countdown to Graduation campaign last year. The Board also recognized a community partner, **Christ Community Church**, for running the Fifth Quarter for students and families to attend after home Varsity football games. Church representatives were also thanked for supporting our students with programs including the free after school program, Soaring to Success.

"The saying 'It takes a village to raise a child' comes to mind tonight," said Board President Lisa Ireland after congratulating award recipients. "We certainly have a wonderful 'village.'"



Brockport's Best is a recognition program from the Board of Education to honor individuals or groups associated with the Brockport Central School District for outstanding achievement. Nominations will be accepted on a continual basis and must align with Brockport's Strategic Plan. Forms may be found online at www.bcs1.org/brockportsbest, in school Main offices or by calling 637-1810.

2014-2015 Board of Education Goal

During the November 18 Board of Education meeting, the 2014-2015 Board of Education Goal was approved.

Goal:

In support of our District's strategic plan, the Board of Education will actively engage all stakeholders in the mission, vision and core beliefs of the Brockport Central School District.

The following activities will be undertaken by the Board of Education in furtherance of this goal:

- Development and implementation of the Brockport Central School District Educational Foundation in partnership with alumni and community members.
- Participation at Monroe County School Boards Association events.
- Exercise fiscal responsibility by ensuring that District resources are used to maximize student achievement and engagement.
- Serve as ambassadors in the community to promote Brockport Central School District.