

2009 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT WINNER



Amanda Paine

Congratulations to Amanda Paine who was chosen as the 2009 Youth Achievement winner. Amanda is an energetic, personal young lady, who is an asset to her assembly, school, church and her community. She is currently a sophomore attending Spring Hill College in Mobile, Al. and majoring in Chemical Engineering. She currently tutor's geometry/math

to challenged middle school students from very poor areas of Mobile and at Vigor High School. These students have learning disabilities and behavioral problems and they benefit greatly during her sessions with them.

Amanda has numerous achievements and involvements. She graduated 10th in a class of 280 with a 4.2 GPA, member of the Honor Court, national Honor Society, Spanish Club and school newspaper. She received the Opus 4 Academic Award from Sony for maintaining a 4.0 GPA for each high school year, named to Who's Who among American High School Students, National Merit Scholar, and as a junior was named both an All American Scholar award winner and the United States Achievement Academy national Science Merit award winner. She was also chosen to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine in Boston, MA. An accomplished musician, Amanda has been in the concert band, jazz band as well as the marching band. She also played piano for various school and community ceremonies. At our assembly meetings, she entertains the younger children, prepares refreshments, participates in fundraisers, bowl-o-thon, and golf tournaments. She is a charming young lady and a delight to know.

While at college, she serves as a lector at St. Joseph Catholic Church and at home plays clarinet with the St. Columba Catholic Church contemporary ensemble. Through Flowers Hospital she has been certified in CPR and First Aid, training which helped her to remain calm and react swiftly when one of the kids in her charge suffered a head injury.

Whatever Amanda undertakes, she does with gusto, always striving to do her best. We wish her well in all her life's endeavors. All of NSS are proud to honor Amanda as the NSS Youth Achievement winner for 2009.