

Her goal is to be 'servant for God'

Kirsten Gnagy says that she has a passion for doing community service work.

"Being a servant for God is my ultimate goal," Gnagy said.

Gnagy, now a student at Lancaster Bible College, was the 2006 recipient of The Challenge Program's Most Community Service Award – as a junior at Somerset Area High School.

The award was presented to Gnagy for the more than 500 hours of community service she completed as a junior.

Gnagy's active community involvement included time as a mentor in the Outdoor Odyssey program, a volunteer for the Salvation Army and a crew member during Summer's Best Two Weeks, a young people's camp at the Quemahoning Reservoir near Boswell.

In particular, it is her involvement with Summer's Best Two Weeks – a residential Christian sports, recreation and wilderness camp – that Gnagy claims deeply impacted her life.

"We got to serve (the campers) meals and then do their dishes afterward, (which) doesn't sound like a great moment, yet I got so much out of that experience," Gnagy said. "I learned how to be a servant."

Gnagy also stresses that community service helps to build good moral character in students.

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good things you did, not the bad," Gnagy said. "Getting involved with your community keeps you out of trouble."

Gnagy is enrolled in a five-year professional counseling program at Lancaster Bible College.

She hopes to have her own private practice one day, and to open a coffee shop, which she would name Trip "C"es for coffee, cards and conversation.

This article is part of a human interest series that will feature past recipients of The Challenge Program's four award categories: Most Improved, Best G.P.A., Most Community Service, and Best Attendance. The Challenge Program is a non-profit organization located in Johnstown that provides financial incentives to students for successes they achieve while still in high school. The Challenge Program also aims to provide a bridge between high-school students and the local business community.

The List



Study tracks collection of recyclables by county

The following list cites results from the Pennsylvania Statewide Waste Composition study performed by the Department of Environmental Protection. The list ranks the recyclable materials gathered from Cambria and Somerset counties according to the tons collected. The study determined that about 86,935 tons of recyclables were collected in Cambria County and 52,743 tons were collected in Somerset County.

	Cambria County	Somerset County
Organics*	29,905.64	18,143.59
Paper	27,906.13	16,930.50
Inorganics*	11,649.29	7,067.56
Plastics	9,649.79	5,854.47
Metals	5,911.58	3,586.52
Glass	1,825.64	1,107.60

*Organics include yard waste, wood, food waste and textiles, while inorganics include electronics, carpet, drywall and furniture.

Source: Department of Environmental Protection, 2003 study.

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