

Rewarding volunteerism

Skylar Bunk, a senior at Bishop McCort High School, leads a busy life playing the piano, serving his community and getting involved with his high school.

This well-rounded student uses the core principles of The Challenge Program Inc. in every task he undertakes while working with several groups and organizations.

"Being involved with TCP has been quite influential to my life," Bunk noted. "Not only

does the program provide a source of motivation and tangible rewards for hard work, but it has shown me that a small idea can truly make a big difference."

The Challenge Program provides \$250 cash incentives for high school students in the sophomore, junior and senior classes who excel in four main areas: Academic excellence, academic improvement, attendance and community service.

Most of Bunk's volunteer work consists of playing the piano at several churches throughout his community and at Memorial Medical Center.

"I try to give back to my community as much as possible," said Bunk. "I believe that it is incredibly important to volunteer in community service projects. Not only is helping people beneficial, but it also brings immense fulfillment."

Bunk noted that volunteering has made him appreciate the work of community non-profit organizations such as The Challenge Program.

"When I recognize the small amount of good that I alone can do, it widens my respect for TCP and its cause," he said.

Bunk is active in the Bishop McCort fine arts program as a member of the chorus, a capella choir and drama club.

He notes that he has utilized these activities to promote TCP and encourage other students to achieve their long-term goals.

The Challenge Program awards at Bishop McCort High School are sponsored by Carpenter Financial Services.

Paul Carpenter at Carpenter Financial values the partnership with Bishop McCort High School students and TCP.

"As a graduate of BMHS and longtime advocate of education, I am happy to support The Challenge Program Inc.'s approach to student motivation," Carpenter said.

"Students seem to respond well to the program, and if that makes a difference in the success of students' lives it makes me very grateful to have played my part."

Carpenter says that he is proud to have invested his money wisely in the future of youth. When he attends TCP's high school assemblies, he witnesses the excitement in the students' faces to compete for the incentives.

"The life skills that are reinforced by The Challenge Program Inc. are important to students, and I think all students benefit in some way from the program," Carpenter said.

"I like the no-strings-attached nature of the cash incentives because it enables students to dream about what



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they could do if they won."

Bunk added that he appreciates how The Challenge Program acts as a positive role model for high school students to change students' lives for the better.

"I truly believe TCP has done a remarkable job by inspiring students to use their full potential for academic, professional, and personal growth," he said.

"Most students have learned how to work hard for themselves and are looking at the chance of receiving a monetary reward as a bonus."

After graduating from Bishop McCort High School, Bunk plans to attend a university for music and continue serving his community to the best of his ability.

The Challenge Program Inc. is a nonprofit organization that collaborates with businesses to motivate high school students both in and out of the classroom. This partnership creates good habits in students and provides businesses with tangible results on their investment.

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1. Determine what you need to know. For example, what do they like or dislike about your product or service?
2. Use one or more survey methods to measure customer satisfaction.
3. Hire an outside research