

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

EMILY QUE AND HALEY TJON

NOMINATOR: MAUREEN BYRNE



It would be impossible to recognize one of these outstanding youths without the other. Both Emily Que and Haley Tjon have been instrumental in expanding Dublin High's Interact Club and have made powerful contributions to our community. Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people, ages 12 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but the student-run clubs are self-governing and self-supporting. The motto of

Rotary/Interact is "Service Above Self," and these two are an embodiment of that goal. Their focus is action projects to improve outcomes on both the local and international level. In addition to being active with the largest Interact Club in the area, the projects the team took on this year are beyond impressive:

International Project Build for Tomorrow: They will be working with the organization BuildOn, to raise money and to build schools for the children of Nicaragua. BuildOn is an International organization that funds the construction of schools all over the world to promote service and education to disrupt the cycle of poverty and illiteracy. <https://youtu.be/HXZFP4rZ0M0>

Community Project Recovery Through Resilience: They have partnered with Shatterproof, a highly impactful non-profit organization that works to advocate for health policies that provide effective treatment and recovery programs to those who need it. Through this partnership, we will increase treatment access across the country, support addiction research, and garner the development of substance abuse support programs. https://youtu.be/PQvyS3X_J5o

Under Emily and Haley, Dublin High's Interact club has grown to its current 150 members, 75 of whom are regularly active. This is a huge increase from past years. They have been excellent leaders, compassionate citizens, and amazing mentors for the club. In addition to Interact, Emily and Haley have been standouts in other areas. Emily is currently in Leadership and Haley is in our Biomed program and attends the ROP Nursing program. It is a pleasure to nominate Emily Que and Haley Tjon for the Dublin Young Citizen(s) of the Year.