

Stephens recognized for volunteer service

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MacKenzie Stephens, 17, of Pekin, Indiana has been honored for his exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award.

The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was presented by The Prudential Spirit of Community program on behalf of President Barak Obama.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program recognizes young people across America for outstanding community service activities. More than 37,000 young people across America have been considered for these awards since the program began in 1995.

"The recipients of these awards vividly demonstrate that young people across America are making remarkable contributions to the health and vitality of their communities," said John R. Strangfield, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial. "In recognizing these students and placing a spotlight on their volunteer service activities, we hope to motivate others to consider how they can also contribute to their community."

"Demonstrating civic responsibility through community volunteerism is an important part

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of life," said NASSP Executive Director JoAnn Bartoletti. "These Honorees practice a lesson we hope all young people, as well as adults, will emulate"