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**HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL
COMMUNITY FIRST YOUTH BOARD**

Student Showcase by Michael Incavo

In an effort to continually recognize the outstanding achievements of Hudson's youth.... the Community First Youth Advisory Board will write feature articles for the Hudson Hub showcasing high school students who are making a difference in our community. If you know someone who deserves recognition in this column, please submit a brief explanation to the HHS Guidance Office. The Student Showcase committee is led by Michael Incavo and Katie Mullins, HCF Youth Advisory Board Members.

Hudson High school student Rachel Shapiro is a true example of an outstanding Hudson student. Besides performing well academically, she demonstrates exemplary leadership skills and is involved in many activities both inside and outside of school. These include: NHS, the HHS Leadership Conference Planning Committee, the Debate Team, Newspaper (Asst. Editor in Chief), ballet and hip hop at KDA, and 13 years of piano. With this busy schedule, Rachel still finds time to volunteer, participating in such organizations as the Humane Society of Greater Akron and Jewish Volunteers in Action, which takes place each year on Christmas Day, providing many enjoyable holiday events to seniors, the homeless, and mentally disabled adults. Furthermore, Rachel helps out the younger members of our Hudson community through Peer Tutoring and Homework Connection at the Hudson Library. She has also worked at the Ellis Island simulation at East Woods. On many occasions, Rachel has assisted French foreign exchange students that come to Hudson and finds it "very cool learning how their lives are similar to us."

A self-proclaimed 'off the beaten path hobbyist', Rachel enjoys such events with her family as attending a "hobo education day in the Cuyahoga Valley", picking their own fruit, and making visits to former presidents' houses.

On the school front, her favorite classes include Journalism II, AP English Lit, and AP Euro, "...since I really enjoy the arts and humanities." Although she does not yet know where she will attend college next fall, she is looking at an English major and eventually law school. She considers international law her preferred career path. Rachel attributes her success thus far largely to time management. "If I don't prioritize things, it is very easy to feel overwhelmed, and I am much less efficient." Her advice for younger Hudson students? "Staying open to new experiences. I joined newspaper my freshman year... and it has been the most rewarding part of high school..." If you see her around Hudson, please congratulate her on being featured in the HHS Student Showcase.