

Young Women in Public Affairs



Nominee: Sanah Handu

School: Peters Township High School

Sanah Handu has always lived by the rule of doing to others as you wish they would do unto you. This mentality has encouraged her to lead an active role and participate in many volunteer and extracurricular opportunities such as volunteering in cancer institutes, teaching robotics to intercity students, and working in ambulances as an emergency medical technician. “The honor of being recognized for my achievements by Zonta encourages me to move beyond the surface opportunities presented to me.”

Her experiences as an EMT affirmed her resolve to improve the quality of life for all people. She wishes to pursue a major in Biology, minoring in computer-integrated surgery. This would allow her to pursue a future as a trauma surgeon post-medical school. Additionally, she hopes to volunteer as a physician with Doctors Without Borders and the World Health Organization, to push for a close in the disparity of global health.

One of Sanah’s teachers writes: “Sanah is, without question, one of the most exceptional young women I have worked with at Peters Township High School. Her leadership skills, motivation and thoughtful dedication to public service have made a significant and lasting positive impact on our school and local community. Sanah Handu makes a difference in the lives around her and for this, she is truly deserving of the Young Women in Public Affairs Award.”