

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY PILLARS

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Erin Fox, Character

The pillar of Character involves building relationships of integrity and respect, which eventually leads to unity within our community. While the National Honor Society claims this is an uncommon trait, it is hardly uncommon within SCA. This trait is often demonstrated with simple actions such as a smile in the hallway, helping a classmate with homework, or leaving encouraging messages for a friend. Character is demonstrated everywhere; however, having moral character isn't an innate thing.

Character is forged over time by nurturing our own unique talents and strengths while helping others with their own. It is formed from our own experiences and ideas. For some, it will be their words, for others their actions, and another their works; however, there isn't one way to express character. In the end, it is leaving others with a little more than they came with, whether it's knowledge, comfort, or just a little piece of joy. Whatever it is and however we express it, we should all strive to possess good moral character; NHS helps us to strengthen it, through acts of service and leadership

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Luisa Hnatiuk, Scholarship

The pillar of Scholarship not only entails the practice of academics, but also the desire to ask questions and to find the how and why. Asking questions is necessary to build scholarship, and the search for answers is what makes scholarly pursuits ever-changing and forming in our world today. True scholarship requires passion and integrity: passion that drives one to search indefinitely, and integrity that allows one to accept failure and to ensure that truth is pursued. In the NHS, the pillar of scholarship is important because it shows that members are able to and are interested in finding answers and solutions to the questions and problems ever-present in our world and community. Scholarship is never done alone, scholarship is a collective effort that strives for the betterment of mankind, it is a universal thirst for knowledge and prosperity that can only be achieved through working together. In the NHS, scholarship is not only a means to an end, but it is an end in itself.

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Kathryn Grewe, Service

Since I was young, service has always been a very important part of my life. Being able to share my gifts and donate my time to help those in need is such an amazing blessing. Doing service is a great opportunity because of the influence you are able to have on other people, and in return, them on you.

Service is such a big part of my life and was one of the main reasons why I decided to join NHS. The National Honor Society Chapter is founded on four pillars, one of them being Service. Service is such an amazing opportunity that all of you will be able to take advantage of while being in NHS. The National Honor Society has allowed me to continue my desire to serve others during the school year. Singing Christmas Carols at the senior retirement home will always be one of my favorite memories. We may have had a hard time harmonizing and I may not be the greatest singer, but it is the feeling and the experience of being there that I will always treasure. NHS provides you with so many ways to inspire and be inspired by other people. Throughout the different events offered by NHS such as Blanket tying, packaging food boxes at focus hope, and tutoring your fellow classmates, all of you will be given the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others. Service helps to build the foundation of who you are. In a way it completes you and gives you a sort of happiness and new perspective that you will not experience anywhere else. While in NHS, I hope all of you will view service with an open mind and see it as a chance to help make a difference in the lives of those in your community. I hope all of you will make impactful memories and treasure the time you are able to spend serving others. Congratulations on your acceptance into NHS. I cannot wait to see how you are able to personally grow as individuals and the way in which each of you will be able to positively impact the lives of others.

Ryan Getz, Leadership

The essence of leadership is the ability to inspire others to seek and do the good—what is truly best for the human person, what will truly promote human flourishing. A good leader models the way for others. She inspires others while she also challenges without denigrating; she encourages and enables others to take healthy risks that will allow them to face fears so as to grow in courage, wisdom, prudence, self-control, compassion and other virtues. She picks others up when they fall, and she encourages them to try again. The true leader is there in good and bad times, always supportive, encouraging, and compassionate. You each have the capacity to become excellent leaders, and NHS can be the means through which you can grow in leadership skills.

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