July 29, 2022

Dear Gull Lake Families and Staff,

This week, three Gull Lake students presented their experiences at the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Leadership Camp. Bella Crossley, Serenity Scott, and Maddy Snyder, RYLA scholarship recipients, participated in a three-day camp with 40 students from our region. The camp builds leadership skills and challenges students to research real-world issues and develop practical solutions that can be successfully implemented. Students come away with more skills and a better understanding of what can be accomplished when people work together on a good cause.

Our Gull Lake trio gave an impressive account of the projects they chose and the process they used to develop a plan. What our local Rotarians found even more impressive was the way that our RYLA students displayed courage and competence in their presentation to the audience. Their poise and ability to articulate their thought process and collaboration strategies made us all proud and confirmed the value of leadership training for our youth.

It is clear that our RYLA students will continue to grow their leadership skills and exercise them in an ongoing way for the benefit of their fellow classmates and our Gull Lake School Community. We will be hearing more from Bella, Serenity and Maddy as they put their training to good use on our behalf. Their blend of creativity, skill and positive intentions are a model of what we hope to accomplish for all GLCS students.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent
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