

**SAYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS**

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO:

Annika Von Eschen

What does it mean to be committed? Some may say If you're committed to something, you're pledged or devoted to it.. Vince Lombardi believed that “the quality of a person’s life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence....” My experiences with Annika Von Eschen ring true of such commitment academically, extracurricularly, and within our own community. Annika is an outstanding student who has challenged herself throughout her entire high school career, taking Honors and Advanced Placement courses in numerous disciplines. Additionally, she competes in Sayville high school’s Concert Band and Cheerleading squad, all while competing outside of school for competitive dance and acrobatics teams. Likewise, Annika is an active member of ten Sayville High school organizations and honor societies. Lastly, and perhaps, most importantly, she serves our local community as a cheer coach, dance and acrobatics teacher, bible school and cheer camp counselor and animal rescue volunteer. Clearly, Annika is the definition of commitment to excellence. I am fortunate to have had numerous classroom experiences with Annika over the years. However, the past two years have been particularly impactful for me, as I have watched Annika participate in our Peer Leaders Program. Annika’s interactions with the elementary and middle school students in our district have been pure joy to witness. She takes charge and while doing so, offers warmth, compassion, and true devotion to her role as a peer leader. It has been quite humbling for me as an educator to witness Annika’s ease of instruction and genuine passion for helping young students. Nelson Mandela believed that “education is the most powerful weapon which can be used to change the world.” Annika Von Eschen’s commitment to excellence and to others has already changed us all...students, faculty and administrators alike. Congratulations Annika...you are truly a champion!

Given this 17th day of May, 2022

Ms. Loriston
Assistant Principal

Ms. Wittman-Cahill
Nominator