



Congratulations to Seniors Devin Soffy, Robert Rittershausen, and Anthony Barone on Earning the Prestigious Eagle Scout Rank!

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Woolwich Twp. – School officials, in partnership with *Boy Scouts Troop 7059 of East Greenwich Township*, proudly celebrate the remarkable achievement of three best friends—**Devin Soffy**, **Robert “Bobby” Rittershausen**, and **Anthony Barone**—members of the Kingsway Regional High School Class of 2025—who have recently earned the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. This esteemed honor, achieved by only 4 percent of Scouts nationwide, stands as a testament to their unwavering dedication, exceptional hard work, and commitment to serving their community.

Devin, Bobby, and Anthony have shared a 10-year Scouting journey, forming an unbreakable bond as they worked together and cheered each other on to reach this significant milestone. Anthony earned his Eagle rank in September, while Devin and Bobby followed in December.

“We have had many remarkable students walk through the halls of Kingsway Regional High School, including a few who have achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. However, Devin, Bobby, and Anthony’s accomplishment stands out as a first for Kingsway—a trio of best friends who supported one another through the journey to Eagle Scout. Their collective achievement is



a testament to their character, camaraderie, and *Commitment to Excellence*, and it is an inspiration to us all,” said James Lavender, Superintendent, during a special recognition at the school.

Each Scout completed a unique and impactful Eagle Scout service project that benefits the local community:

- **Devin Soffy:** Devin’s project, *Thompson Family Park Maps and Trails*, addressed the need for clear signage and trail markers in the park. He designed and installed detailed maps showing soccer fields, concession stands, play areas, and more. Additionally, he added trail markers to guide visitors along walking and running paths, enhancing their experience.
- **Anthony Barone:** Anthony’s project expanded East Greenwich’s *Veterans Memorial*, honoring military servicemen and women. He installed six flagpoles for the military branches, created a 70-foot pathway with engraved granite markers for each branch, and beautified the area with river rocks, mulch, and plants. His work has transformed the memorial into a place of honor and reflection.
- **Bobby Rittershausen:** Bobby’s project focused on *Supporting Wildlife in Thompson Family and Mickle Parks*. He added and replaced bird and bat houses, providing habitats for local wildlife, and constructed a beautiful nature kiosk for educational purposes. Visitors can now enjoy a reflection space while learning about local ecosystems.



Completing these projects required extensive skills, including project management, financial planning, communication, construction, and team building. Each Scout also exceeded the required 21 merit badges, earning an average of 40 each, highlighting their dedication to personal growth and Scouting ideals.

“The dedication, leadership, and teamwork demonstrated by Devin, Bobby, and Anthony are truly inspiring,” said Stefanie Fox Manno, Principal of Kingsway Regional High School. “They embody the values we strive to instill in all our students and have set a remarkable example for their peers.”

These three remarkable young men not only exemplify the values of Scouting but also Kingsway’s *Commitment to Excellence*. Their accomplishments leave a lasting impact on the community, and their friendship reminds us of the power of teamwork and shared goals.

Join us in congratulating Devin, Bobby, and Anthony on this extraordinary achievement!

The Significance of the Eagle Scout Rank

The Eagle Scout rank represents the pinnacle of achievement in the Scout's Boy Scouts of America program, signifying a Scout's dedication to leadership, community service, and personal growth. It is a distinction earned by only 4 percent of Scouts, reflecting their exceptional character and commitment to excellence. The journey to Eagle Scout requires earning a minimum of 21 merit badges, serving in leadership roles, and completing a significant service project that benefits the community. This honor not only highlights a Scout's skills and values but also opens doors to educational, career, and networking opportunities, leaving a lasting impact on their lives and communities.

[Learn more about the *Significance of the Eagle Scout Rank* here.](#)

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About the Kingsway Regional School District

Kingsway is a limited-purpose regional school district that offers its students a rigorous academic program and a myriad of enrichment programs and services for students in grades 7 to 12. Kingsway Regional Middle School (grades 7 to 8) and Kingsway Regional High School (grades 9 to 12) cater to the individual needs of our students and promote opportunities for students to pursue their own areas of interest. Our population of nearly 3,000 students is multicultural and reflects the diversity of the communities it serves. Its mission is to ensure that all students receive rigorous and engaging instructional experiences that promote high levels of student achievement, including those with diverse learning needs. To learn more visit the District's website at www.krsd.org.

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