

Rotary Seniors of the Month of May

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The seniors chosen as the Rotary Seniors of the Month were Owen Graf and Leah Stevenson. Throughout their high school careers, they showed outstanding hard work and dedication towards their academics, sports, extracurriculars and so much more. The Rotary Club recognized their efforts in this month's meeting.

The first rotary senior of this month is Owen Graf. Owen is a member of the National Honor Society, Ski Club, Band (Concert and Symphonic), Helping Hands, Marching Band, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Varsity Tennis. Owen is the President of Helping Hands which is a club that focuses on community service throughout Oxford and as president he helped run meetings and scheduled many community service opportunities for the members of the club. National Honor Society is another community centered club that provides volunteer opportunities that promote education and community throughout Oxford. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes focuses on growing student's relationships with Christ; Owen is a leader and has spoken and given many lessons which has allowed him to grow his faith and his confidence. Owen has also played on the High School Tennis team for the past four years and this past year has earned the first spot on varsity. Owen has continued to maintain high grades and take almost all Honors and AP courses throughout his time at Oxford Area High School. His high grades and his love for learning how technology works has led him to major in Mechanical Engineering. Owen will be attending Penn State and has gotten into the Schreyers Honors College.

The second rotary senior of this month is Leah Stevenson. Leah is a member of the National Honor Society, Tri-M Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Marching Band,

Band (Concert and Symphonic), and the Musical. Leah is the President of the National Honor Society where she promotes leadership and service to the students of the club while handling meetings and committees. Leah was the class of 2026 Parliamentarian for two years where she helped plan and set up school events such as prom. Leah also dances four days a week and does many different types of dances. This has allowed her to build strength, leadership, and teamwork skills over her 14 years of dancing. Leah is incredibly involved in music; she is in the Tri-M Honor Society, and she has been in the high school marching band for all four years and has performed at numerous football games and parades. Leah has also been a part of the high school's musical program for the last four years which has allowed her to make strong and unforgettable relationships and memories. While juggling her extracurriculars and high-level classes, Leah works at Weaver Day School. Here, she takes care of kids after school and helps watch and clean the school. While working here and volunteering to teach children how to swim during her summers, Leah fell in love with teaching. Leah will be attending West Chester Universities Honors Program and majoring in Biology Secondary Education where she hopes to continue her love of teaching and learning.