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Indian Valley High School's National Honor Society Chapter Wins National Award

Gnadenhutzen, Ohio - For its exemplary record of leadership, service and efforts to improve the school and community, the National Honor Society awarded Indian Valley High School the Chapter of Distinction award.

NHS is supported by its parent organization, the [National Principals Association](http://NationalPrincipalsAssociation.org) (NPA), which also oversees the [National Association of Student Councils](http://NationalAssociationofStudentCouncils.org).

In the application for the award, NHS Advisor Becky Calvin wrote: "This year, out of 20 service projects and 1083.30 cumulative service hours completed by NHS members, three major projects stand out. The first is our first Freshmen Orientation in which NHS members created and led sessions on: study tips, organization, and time management; digital citizenship and internet safety; school culture Q&A sessions; school and facilities tours; and school safety and reporting procedure. The second major project was our IVHS Game Show (which won the National Pillar Award for Character in 2025). This year's ticket sales brought in \$712.25, which was donated to the Trenton Haney Scholarship Foundation, an organization set up in honor of an IVHS freshman who passed away in fall 2025. The final major service project that had a lasting impact was our first-ever Women & Children Shelters collection and Halloween/ Easter Egg basket creation fundraiser, in which we raised over \$700 worth of supplies, and created over 200 Halloween and Easter Egg baskets for children living in the YWCA of Canton, Ohio, and the Hope & Healing Recovery Center in Akron, Ohio.

As of the end of the 2025-2026 school year, the IVHS chapter of NHS has extended its impact throughout three counties in Ohio (Stark, Summit, and Tuscarawas). Our goal for the 26-27 school year is to extend our impact in southern counties, especially for Appalachian communities in need of support. Along with all of the service projects we did this past year, we hope to create and execute service projects that broaden inclusive support, and we hope to increase our practice with the pillar of leadership by hopefully sending all current officers to the National Conference in February 2027."

"The NHS Chapter of Distinction Award celebrates chapters that truly embody what the National Honor Society stands for—students who don't just excel academically but actively strengthen their communities," said NPA CEO Ronn Nozoe. "The Indian Valley chapter demonstrates how powerful it can be when young leaders channel their talents toward meaningful service and positive change."

The NHS Chapters of Distinction is a national recognition program created by NHS to honor chapters that demonstrate strong leadership, sound operations and a deep commitment to the pillars of the Honor Society. This distinction recognizes chapters that meet all [Essential Standards](#) and excel in key areas such as student governance and leadership development.

[Learn more about the Chapter of Distinction award.](#)