



Sydney Cooke



While still a senior at Leonardo da Vinci High School Sydney is currently taking college courses at D'Youville and has earned 13 credits in addition to maintaining her 95% average at school.

As a member of the cross-country and track and field teams, she started with little background of the sport and progressed quickly through hard work and determination to become the top runner on the team. She has placed Second Team All League honors in cross-country and is poised to be First Team honors this year. This is a prime example of her drive and ability to get things done while motivating and inspiring others to do the same. She has volunteered at Buffalo General Medical Center and has logged in over 200 hours there. She also volunteers with Meals on Wheels during the holidays and is an active Girl Scout Silver Award winner, the highest award a Girl Scout can achieve. In addition, she is a member of the National Honor Society, as well as a tour guide for her school's open house.

Sydney's drive to give back to her community while learning new skills along the way is unparalleled and as such the NFJC recognizes this emerging young leader with the Community Leader Youth Award.



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