

## CEDAR GROVE

# Student recognized for volunteer service

Brian Chellis, 17, of Cedar Grove has been honored for his exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award.

The award, which recognized Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was presented by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

Chellis participated in the Spirit of Community program this year as a representative of Cedar Grove High School.

Chellis is recognized for this award due to his extensive community service. He has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout through the Boy Scouts of America, has been awarded the 2008 Community Service Award by the Junior League of Montclair-Newark, and was the youngest person to be named Citizen of the Year by the Cedar Grove Elks. Chellis has logged many hours of community youth activities with various programs and agencies. He has demonstrated leadership and teamwork through his charitable giving.

Chellis has not only excelled in his volunteer service efforts, but he is also a strong student who consistently makes his school's honor roll. He is willing to take on challenges and is dedicated to maintaining his commitments.

Sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards pro-

gram recognized young people across America for outstanding community service activities. More than 250,000 young people across America have been considered for these awards since the program began in 1995.

"The recipients of these awards vividly demonstrate that young people across America are making remarkable contributions to the health and vitality of their communities," said John R. Strangfeld, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial. "They truly deserve all of the praise and encouragement we can give them."

"The young people recognized by the Spirit of Community Awards demonstrate an enormous capacity for giving and reaching out to those in need," said Gerald N. Tirozzi, executive director of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. "NASSP is proud to honor them as they are wonderful examples of the high caliber of young people in our nation's schools today."

Program applications were distributed last September through all public and private middle level and

high schools, Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs and affiliates of HandsOn Network. After local honorees were named, state-level judges selected state honorees, distinguished finalists and certificate of excellence recipients. Volunteer activities were judged on criteria such as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact and personal growth.

NASSP, based in Reston, Va., is the preeminent organization of

and national voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals and aspiring school leaders from across the United States and more than 45 countries around the world. Prudential Financial, based in Newark, provides more than 50 million individual and institutional customers worldwide with life insurance, annuities, retirement-related services, mutual funds, investment management and real estate services.



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Congratulations on receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. Through service to others, you demonstrate the outstanding character of America and help strengthen our country.

In January 2002, I called on all Americans to dedicate at least 2 years, or 4,000 hours, over the course of their lives to serve others at home or abroad. I congratulate you and all Americans who have answered this call and have earned a Silver Award from the President's Council. Americans of all ages can serve others in countless ways, such as mentoring a child, caring for an elderly neighbor, teaching someone to read, cleaning parks, and creating safer neighborhoods.

My Administration encourages every American to help their communities and our country. Through the USA Freedom Corps and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, we are building a culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility in America that will last for decades to come. Americans continue to serve and are part of the gathering momentum of millions of acts of kindness and decency that are changing America, one heart and one soul at a time. Your actions are part of this change. I urge you to continue serving your neighbors and earn a Gold Award. I also hope that you will ask your friends, family, and colleagues to join you in serving your community and our Nation.

May God bless you, and may God continue to bless America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush".





*Presented by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to*

*Brian Chellis*

*In recognition and appreciation of your commitment to strengthening our*

*Nation and for making a difference through volunteer service.*

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