

North Pocono

Senior Kyle Yatsonsky volunteers at the VA Medical Center in the dental clinic during the summer.

He was given the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Award from the center for working more than 150 hours of volunteer service.

In school, he has been ranked at the top of his class since freshman year, takes many Advanced Placement courses, has achieved high honors and is a member of the National Honor Society.

He's also a leader on the Science Olympiad team, serving as secretary and treasurer.

"What motivates me to do what I have done is a combination of both my faith and my family," he said. "I am a very religious individual, as is my family. My parents taught me at a young age to always make the most of my abilities, and I strive to do just that each and every day."

Kyle also did research at Wilkes University last summer, received the AP Scholar with Distinction Award and was named North Pocono's NEIU Scholar of the Year.

After graduation, Kyle will attend the University of Pittsburgh and major in dentistry.

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