

## GREENE COUNTY RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING AREA YOUTH

Greene County is pleased to announce their selections for their 2024 Youth Awards. A description of the activities and involvement within the community for each youth nominated was submitted to the Greene County Youth Advisory Board portraying a caring, dedicated individual whose efforts and accomplishments should be recognized. Selecting the awardees out of the many excellent nominations was a very difficult task. However, they are confident that the awards are being made to very deserving young members of our county: **Grace Hoglund of Hannacroix has been named the 2024 Youth of the Year while Andrew Holliday of Catskill will receive the Chairman's Award and Tatum Lampman of Surprise will receive the Director's Award.**



Grace Hoglund is the daughter of Eric & Jean Hoglund of Hannacroix. As a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student at Coxsackie-Athens High School, she has served on the prom committee; has done tutoring; been a Field Day helper and has helped at the Interact Club Book Sale. In her community, she serves as a volunteer for the Coxsackie-Athens Food Pantry; assists with the Thanksgiving Meal delivery through Hope's Mission; decorates at St. Mary's Church in Coxsackie for Christmas and has been involved with youth mentoring. In 2020, she was named to NYS YMCA Youth & Government (YAG) and has served as Legislative Chair and Cabinet Member. In March 2023, she was the NYS Delegate, YAG, to the Conference on National Affairs in North Carolina and in November 2023 was the Chairperson of Empire State Development YAG Conference. In March 2024, she was appointed to serve as NYS Alternate Delegate YAG. She is an excellent academic student having made High Honors

and was named to the National Honor Society in 2022. She has been Student of the Month and the Quarter. She has been elected a class officer, and currently serves as Treasurer. She is involved with several school clubs – Interact, Outdoors Club, Christian Life Club and Varsity Club. In addition to all this, she has been a member of the Volleyball team, Track & Field, and Girls Wrestling. On her own, she has studied American Sign Language and has used this to help communicate with younger kids with hearing difficulties. Upon graduation, she plans to major in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Andrew J. Holliday is the son of Jeff & Lori Holliday of Catskill. He is a senior at Catskill High School. He serves in the Youth Group at the Kiskatom Reformed Church, Ducks Unlimited, and assists the Fortnightly Club of Catskill at functions. He serves as an ambassador of the school as an Incoming Freshman Night Presenter, serves as a Coach for the Alumni/Staff annual basketball game and can be seen at Christmas Time with Santa's Helpers. He is a member of the school's Business and Marketing Club, assists with the Spring Rush and serves on the school's newsletter. In 2023, he was welcomed to the Greene County Youth Advisory Board. He has been a member of the volleyball team and was the recipient of the St Bonaventure University Bonnie Scholarship. He has made the school's Academic Honor Roll and was named to the National Honor Society in 2021. In addition, he was named to the Dean's List at Columbia-Greene Community College. He currently serves as the President of his graduating class. Andrew is an all-



around athlete as well, having played on the school's golf team, volleyball team, and track team. In the words of his nominator, Andrew is a role model for our youth.”



Tatum Lampman, daughter of Douglas and Stephanie Lampman, is in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade at Greenville High School. As a childhood cancer survivor and with good health as a priority, she has served as a Mental Health advocate, and Cancer Awareness. She volunteers her time at the Melodies Center for Childhood Cancer & Blood Disorders and has participated in their food drives. In the Greenville community, she helps at the UMC Turkey Supper and the Greenville-Norton Hill Trunk or Treat. At school, she volunteers for the Veteran's Day breakfast; First Responders breakfast, and the annual craft fair. In 2023, she was appointed to the Greene County Youth Advisory Board and recently to Sarcoma Strong. She has been a keynote speaker for Sarcoma Strong

and the Albany Medical Radiothon. As a student, she has been named to the National Honor Society and is a member of the student council. She is a member of the Interact Club and serves as an advocate for Mental Health and has assisted at the school blood drives and food drive. She is also an athlete and has been a member of the track & field team, and a cheerleader/

Other youth being recognized are Carisa Benjamin, daughter of Corey & Ericka Benjamin of Tannersville, Chloe Cameron, daughter of Robert and Ashley Cameron, John Kunz, son of Seth and Nancy Kunz, Andrew Scarlata, son of Amelia & Ken Scarlata of Earlton and Courtney Taibi, daughter of Anthony & Capri Taibi.

Congratulations to all these fine young Greene County residents. They are truly role models for others, and we are grateful for their service. They will be honored by the Greene County Legislature at opening ceremonies of the Greene County Youth Fair, Thursday, July 25 in Cairo.