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Congressional Award Silver Medalist | Zenani Johnson



Mr. Cook,

Congratulations – James S. Rickards High School’s own Zenani Johnson has met the challenge of the United States Congress!

The Congressional Award is Congress’ only charity. Established into law in 1979, the Congressional Award was created to honor, encourage, and inspire America’s youth. In the ensuing years, Congress has recognized thousands of outstanding young Americans who have earned and deserve our admiration and recognition.

Through the Congressional Award, Congress urges young people to challenge themselves. Any interested, motivated student, aged 14 through 24 years old, may participate in the Congressional Award by setting and achieving individually challenging goals in four program areas: Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness and Expedition/Exploration. The Congressional Award adapts to meet the needs of every participant as they set goals according to their own interests and level of abilities. The Award is geared toward youth who set their own personally challenging goals and activities. These are not necessarily your *A students*, but may be students who want to stand out for the goals they set for themselves on their own time.

Zenani has earned the Congressional Award Silver Medal, spending over 415 hours sharing her time and talent in the betterment of her community through Voluntary Public Service. She spent over 480 hours developing her interests, social and life skills through Personal Development and improving her health and quality of life through Physical Fitness, respectively. Zenani also gained firsthand knowledge of exploring a new environment or culture through a 2 consecutive night Exploration.

Zenani did not “win” the award – she EARNED it! Zenani will be recognized by her U.S. Representative in the nearfuture. Zenani also worked with Mr. Roosevelt Rogers who served as her advisor for the award. If you would like to learn more about the Congressional Award, including what Zenani did to earn it and how we can get more of your students involved, please contact our office at (202) 226-0130 or 1-888-80-AWARD or doyle@congressionalaward.org. We are very proud of Zenani and hope we can work together to recognize more outstanding youth.

-Maggie

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