

2008 District 11 YWPA Award Recipient

Alexandra Glavas stood out among a group of exceptional young women vying for this year's award to become the **2008 District 11 YWPA winner**. This year's outstanding candidates all displayed excellent leadership qualities and a strong commitment to community service. We congratulate them all on their extraordinary work.



A Bright Futures scholarship recipient, currently attending high school in Italy, Alexandra demonstrated strong leadership skills and academics. She enthusiastically took on the role as President of the Young Democrats at her high school in Florida. As President of the Future Business Leaders of America, she organized a rally involving over 400 students, and also orchestrated a pop-tab drive to assist Ronald McDonald House. Being second in command as Vice President of the Beta Club, she helped to lead their service projects which included a food drive and cards to soldiers in Iraq as well as supporting the Salvation Army and Girls Scout Carnival. In addition to her school activities, Alexandra also found time to volunteer at her church and get involved in their mission trips and service projects.

Ms. Glavas' spirit of service was not confined to her home in Florida. She took advantage of the opportunity to go to Rio Bravo, Mexico, to assist on a house-building mission. Touched by the plight of children in Uganda, Alexandra convinced her Youth Leadership Brevard team to get involved in an international humanitarian effort. Not only did they increase awareness of the cause, they also raised about \$1,000.00 which they donated to the *Invisible Children* charity.

Alexandra got further international exposure when she embraced the chance to live alone and study in Oxford, England. It was, therefore, no surprise that she seized the opportunity to be an exchange student and study in Italy. Alexandra is currently spending her senior year at Liceo Classico Giuseppe Garibaldi in Palermo, Sicily, Italy. She has already gotten involved in making a difference by participating in a World Peace petition drive protesting political corruption. As a successful student in a foreign country, Alexandra has demonstrated that she knows how to be accepting of others and assimilate despite cultural differences and language barriers.

Through her essays, our YWPA winner displayed a good understanding and appreciation of the struggles women face in the world today and made impressive recommendations and observations on advancing the status of women.

Alexandra plans to attend the University of Oklahoma in the fall to study Political Science and International Relations. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to her.

Zonta District 11 recognizes and congratulates the following outstanding young women who were nominated for the YWPA award. We are extremely proud of the selfless work that they have done and continue to do in their schools and communities.

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