

2010 YWPA District Winner

We are pleased to announce that Annette (Callie) Taylor, from the Zonta Club of Columbia, South Carolina is this year's winner. She holds a very high grade point average, and is very active in school activities as well as community service. She is a candidate in the International Baccalaureate Program, the most rigorous academic program at her high school.

Callie is a member of the Student Government, the Spanish Club, the Drama Club, and the American Red Cross Club.

Callie has starred in several school musical productions, and this year directed as well as starred in "High School Musical."

As part of the International Baccalaureate program, she has raised money for cystic fibrosis, was captain of the annual breast cancer Walk for Life, Captain of the Juvenile Diabetes Walk for a Cure, sang at public events, spent time with the homeless community, and participated in many mission trips abroad. She participated in the Alzheimer's Memory Walk, and was fundraising chair of Noah's Foundation.

As a delegate and Attorney General of Palmetto Girls State this past year, she was incredibly disappointed when she made the rounds to all the government officials' offices and not once shook the hand of a woman. She was deeply upset that there were no women in positions of leadership.

She has shown a marked interest in national and international politics. Pursuing this interest, she participated in a study tour to Greece, Turkey and Israel and in November 2009 did rigorous mission work in Costa Rica. It was a total immersion into Spanish and poverty. People there had no health care and education, especially the women. She came back with a new understanding of the way other people live, and plans to work for change.

Callie will be attending Wofford College as a Success Initiative Scholar. This is a program that requires her to produce an original community outreach program.