

B.E.C.O.N. February 7, 2025

At Breakfast Exchange Club today we had two young ladies from Central High School come and give their speeches. They are in the running for a \$2,500 scholarship and they practice public speaking by presenting to us. To be nominated for this scholarship their name is submitted by someone at the school (counselor, teacher, etc.).

Madison Gibson's speech of choice was about leadership. She believes leadership includes helping others, being a guide, encouraging, motivating and being selfless. As a cheer captain, she strives to bring the team to their highest potential. She encourages her younger brother to be the best version of himself. She said that leadership is a big responsibility and can change someone's whole direction. Not only is she the cheer team captain, she's in speech & debate, she's on the tri-county honor band and she works at the pre-school. Madison wants to go to school at either MSU Bozeman or North Dakota State and major in Business.

Gianna Haney was our other speaker. Her father, Nate, and mother, Daria, were there to support her. She spoke about overcoming obstacles. She is on the swim team, choir, cross country team and is a pitcher on the softball team. Besides that she is on enviro club, cultural cooking club, works on the school paper and works with the Billings Catholic Radio. With all of these there have been multiple challenges that she has faced. She realized along the way that she had over scheduled herself, became addicted to the intense schedule, and had to overcome exhaustion and physical fatigue. She journaled every day and leaned on her faith to overcome the frustration. Gianna wants to attend Hillsdale College and study Accounting and Political Economics.

Best of luck to both of these ladies and all the other scholarship candidates. The one who wins the club scholarship goes on to compete at the district exchange and the winner of that goes on to compete for the \$15,000 National Exchange Club Scholarship.

We also got a nice thank you note from Dog Tag Buddies for the \$2,112 project contribution from BEC.

#### Other Announcements:

Craig said the district convention is in Helena April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. They would like to have one representative from each club give an overview. The Superbowl board is down to two spots and this will bring in \$1,000 to the foundation.