



Thelma Beck Scholarship - 2018

Rachel Kuczajda

Rachel is a senior at Pinckney High School and carries a 3.688 grade point average. She is a member of the National Honor Society, a member of the Act II Theater Company and is their Props Crew Chief and volunteers for the Key Club and other school organizations. She also volunteers at St. Mary's Church. Her teacher recommendation letter states "Her character, sense of responsibility, work ethic, academic motivation and leadership skills are hard to beat".

She is a four-year member of her high school bowling team and served as its team captain. Her coach describes her as a team leader who takes the younger team members under her wing and helps them grow as a bowler and teammate. Rachel is always looking for ways to improve her bowling skills and is open to advice and willing to try different things.

Rachel is a very accomplished bowler and enjoys the challenge of tournament bowling. She and her brother Nathan finished first in 2014 Arbor Valley Youth Annual Tournament in Mixed doubles. They followed that up by winning the 2015 Michigan State Youth Championship Class C Mixed Doubles title. Rachel won the Arbor Valley Youth Annual Tournament Division E All-Events title in 2015 and again in 2016. She has many top 10 finishes in state and local tournaments. Her high series is 697 and her high games is 289. She averages 196 in the Pinz Junior/Majors league this past season.

She plans to continue her education with an eye toward nursing and plans to bowl on a collegiate team.

Congratulations to Rachel on earning the Thelma Beck Scholarship!