

The Jefferson Awards Youth Service Initiative



Thornridge High School

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THORNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES DANIELLE ANDERSON & MARSHAUN BALLARD RECEIVE JEFFERSON AWARD

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Danielle Anderson is an Advanced Placement student who has helped write two grants to aid the Thornridge Science department in instituting a Bio-diesel project. Danielle passes on her knowledge of Physics by tutoring younger students. She is captain of the Thornridge Scholastic Bowl team and is a member of the student council, Thornridge newspaper staff and a member of the National Honor Society. She aspires to attend the University of Southern California majoring in Marketing. Danielle is also a member of the Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church missionary board in which she assists in various community service projects.

Marshaun Ballard is one of the top Chemistry students at Thornridge H.S. Marshaun tutors younger students in Chemistry and other science classes. Marshaun will be a member of the Thornridge Track team. Marshaun is active in community service through his church.

ABOUT THE JEFFERSON AWARDS

In 1972, the Jefferson Awards for Public Service were founded by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, U.S. Senator Robert Taft, Jr. and Sam Beard to create a Nobel Prize for public and community service. The Jefferson Awards are presented on two levels: national and local. National award recipients are a "Who's Who" of American history makers. Four Supreme Court Justices have been honored including Thurgood Marshall and Sandra Day O'Connor; seven Secretaries of State including Cyrus Vance and Colin Powell; three first ladies: Barbara Bush, Rosalyn Carter and Betty Ford; as well as Alan Greenspan, Bob Hope and Lance Armstrong, among over 100 others.

The Jefferson Awards Youth Service Initiative was created in partnership with Deloitte & Touche in order to encourage high school students to get involved in volunteering and community service. The goal is to double volunteering in America's high schools, build student leadership and encourage ethical decision making.