



Celebrate Gold

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New Educational Resource for JOCO Youth Court Program

Molly James was a girl member for 13 years in Troop 1076 in Service Unit 694. She is currently a freshman at Washington University in St. Louis studying Philosophy as part of the Policy and Law track.

Inspired by her volunteer experience with the Johnson County Youth Court System, Molly noticed that many youth respondents struggled to reflect and learn from their charges. She worked alongside educators, youth specialists, Youth Court volunteers and administrators, mental health specialists, and more to create an activity journal to help guide youth through their sanctioning process and offer them resources and help for the future. Identifying a need for increased accessibility, Molly also added a text to speech feature that will aid recipients with reading difficulties.

Molly's journal will continue to be shared with respondents by the Youth Court. It will also be incorporated into the volunteer training process so that it can be shared with even more youth. Thanks to Molly, youth respondents will further reflect on their experiences and further her passion for restorative justice in her community.



Because of Girl Scouts...I know I can achieve my goals with hard work, problem-solving, and dedication.