Eight students from Homer-Center Jr./Sr. High School got to start off their school year with some extra money through the Challenge Program. These lucky students were rewarded with \$250 for their hard efforts from last year including the categories Academic Excellence, Academic Improvement, Community Service and Perfect Attendance. We would like to thank Consol Energy who sponsors the Challenge Program.

The Challenge Program stimulates students to do their best in everything they do. Awards are given to the students that excel the most in each category. Students won Academic Excellence Awards by placing in the top ten percent of their class. Other students won Academic Improvement Awards for improving their grades the most throughout the year. Two other students won Community Service Awards by having the most community service hours among their peers. Lastly, students won Perfect Attendance by not missing a single day throughout the entire year. These four categorical awards display how successful and driven each winner is.

"This program is helping encourage students like myself to become better students," said Laura Jones, Senior Academic Excellence Winner.

"The Challenge Program is a great way to get students motivated to be the best they can be," said Ms Buffone, High School Guidance Counselor.



Challenge Program Winners,

Row 1: Bryan Gearheart, Emily Wiltrout, Laura Jones, Corinne Taylor
Row 2: School Board President Mrs. Vicki Smith, Brandon Vought, Michael Sweeney, Justin
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