

SAINT BEDE ACADEMY ANNOUNCES HOBY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Peru, IL – Sophomores, Gianna Grivetti and Ryan Brady have been selected by the Academy faculty and staff as recipients of the 2020-21 HOBY Award. Grivetti and Brady will attend the state leadership seminar this summer with other HOBY Award winners from around the state. **HOBY** stands for *Hugh O'Brian Youth Association*. The HOBY seminar is a national program exclusively for high school sophomores. The mission of HOBY is to seek out, recognize, and develop leadership potential commencing with high school sophomores. The expected outcomes of the seminar are for students attending to learn to think critically; to enhance their leadership skills; to learn more about democracy, free enterprise, and volunteerism; and to accept the risks of leadership. Throughout a 3-day seminar, Grivetti and Brady will interact with key leaders in media, politics, and business in Illinois. They will have the chance to ask these individuals questions and hear their plans for the future. They will also have the chance to speak with various representatives from different colleges.

Gianna is the daughter of James and Stephanie Grivetti of Ladd. She attended Peru Catholic Grade School and is currently a sophomore at St. Bede Academy. Gianna is on the golf and bowling teams. She was selected for the All Conference Golf Team in 2019 and 2020. She received the Foreign Language award, English award, Academic award and Citizenship award in 2019. Gianna has also been on the honor roll every semester.

Ryan is the son of Tom and Kerri Brady of LaSalle. He attended Dimmick Grade School and is currently a sophomore at St. Bede Academy. He has been involved in Spanish Club, Interact Club, Lectio and Student Government. Ryan plays basketball, football, and baseball. He has been on the honor roll every semester.

The faculty at St. Bede Academy nominated Grivetti and Brady for this honor according to the following criteria: outstanding oral and written communication skills, critical and/or creative thinking, creative problem solving, strong decision-making skills, sensitivity to the needs of others, charismatic personality, courage to speak out for one's beliefs, courage to challenge authority, and community service.

The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program began in 1958 inspired by conversations with Dr. Albert Schweitzer. The program has grown with sophomores attending one of the approximately 90 seminars held throughout the U.S., Canada, and Mexico every year.

