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Two U-46 High School Students to be Honored for Achievements

Seniors to be recognized for hard work and dedication

ELGIN - The School District U-46 Board of Education Monday night will recognize two high school students for recent achievements — one for her work on the District's radio station and the other for her volunteer service to Hanover Township.

Ana Pascual-De La Trinidad, a senior at Elgin High School, took first place in the On-Air Radio Show category from the Terri Hemmert High School Student Radio Competition. Ana's winning piece was a series of interviews with Elgin High's speech team at their sectional competition in the spring of 2019. The interviews were broadcast on the District's radio station, WEPS 88.9 FM, which is Illinois' oldest operating non-commercial, educational radio station. It features student broadcasts produced by radio clubs at each of the District's five comprehensive high schools.

Ana and the entire EHS radio team last month attended the 17th Annual Columbia College Chicago High School and College Media Conference where Ana was honored.

"Being in radio club has taught me that even in the fast-paced technological world we live in, there are ways of communication that truly do stand the test of time, and that it's important to keep them alive," said Ana. "Radio club at EHS has shown me that I have a voice and more importantly, I can give a voice to others who feel as if they don't have one."

Melanie Salazar, a senior at Bartlett High School, was honored with the Youth Leader of the Year Award from the Township Officials of Illinois. For the past six years, Melanie has been volunteering with Hanover Township,



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assisting staff with youth development programs. She was presented with an award at the Township of Illinois' conference last month in Springfield.

Melanie said when her mentor at Hanover Township, Prevention Services Manager Ryan Dickinson, told her she had won the award, she was "extremely grateful and full of joy."

"Becoming a leader is my proudest accomplishment," said Melanie. "I have learned to overcome my fear of public speaking. Becoming a leader has taught me how to be confident."

Ana and Melanie will receive Accent on Achievement certificates at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16 in room 140 of the Educational Services Center. The U-46 Board of Education Meetings are always open to the public and they stream live on YouTube.

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School District U-46 serves families in 11 communities: Bartlett, Elgin, Hanover Park, South Elgin, Streamwood and Wayne, as well as portions of Carol Stream, Hoffman Estates, St. Charles, Schaumburg, and West Chicago. In total, the District encompasses 90 square miles within the Fox River Valley, approximately 45 minutes west of downtown Chicago, and includes communities within Cook, DuPage and Kane counties. More than 38,000 pre-K through twelfth graders attend the 57 District schools and programs. To learn more, Visit the U-46 [website](#), or like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).