



April Kump '13 to Attend Moose International Youth Awareness Congress

Delone Catholic High School senior April Kump has been selected by her peers to represent Pennsylvania at the 2013 Moose International Youth Awareness Congress to be held May 2-6 in Lisle, Ill. This event is the culmination of the annual Youth Awareness Program of the Loyal Order of Moose. Kump has been awarded college scholarships on the local level, and she will be eligible for additional scholarships at the International Congress.

Each fall, Moose Lodges throughout North America are encouraged to invite two high school students to State and Provincial Association Student Congresses at which participants develop their own, unscripted talks on a variety of topics aimed at four- to nine-year-olds. The participating students then become a speakers' bureau and are asked to present a minimum of three Moose KidsTalks between November and February to small groups of children in their local communities. The KidsTalks are intended to encourage the youngest members of the community to make wise and healthy life choices.

Kump has been part of this program through the McSherrystown Moose Family Center 720 for the past three years. She has covered topics including oral hygiene, bullying and fire safety. Each year, she has presented more than the required three KidsTalks, including six this year.

Through her efforts, she has not only educated young children in the local community, she has earned scholarship funds to help her pay for her college education. The McSherrystown Moose will present her with a total of \$2,000 at a banquet in May. She also received \$1,000 and the all-expenses paid trip to the International Congress after placing first at a Pennsylvania state competition.

At the International Congress, Kump and her peers from across the United States will share their Moose KidsTalks experiences with each other. They will also spend a day touring Chicago and the surrounding area as a thank you for the time they have committed to the Youth Awareness Program. On Sunday, May 5, following a full day of meetings, the student participants at the International Congress will select five individuals to receive college scholarships valued at \$12,000; \$8,000; \$5,000; \$3,000; and \$2,000.