

## Outstanding high school senior recognized as "High Desert Hero"

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A Central Oregon high school senior has been recognized by The Center Foundation as a "High Desert Hero". Lauren Simpson from Bend Senior High School received the prestigious title as December's award-winner.

Lauren Simpson is the Dec. 2007 'High Desert Hero' Lauren is involved in student council, DECA and student government. She has served as a STARS representative in her high school for sophomore and junior years, girls' state representative for state conference in June 2007, varsity softball team and Junior Varsity freshman year.

Her Community Service Activities include Rise Up, blood drive, and Special Olympics led through student council. Lauren has a passion for politics, business and getting things done and impacts Bend High School campus in a major way with her exceptional school spirit. As part of her DECA competition this year, Lauren is organizing a fund-raiser for Bend Memorial Clinic's Infusion Room, an outpatient cancer-care facility supporting cancer patients.

The Center Foundation is pleased to honor this outstanding student.

Each month The Center Foundation accepts nominations for high school seniors who have a 3.5 or higher GPA, who display a leadership in school activities and who participate in recognizable community volunteer efforts. The Foundation Board reviews the nominations and selected a student to receive the monthly honor. Each High Desert Hero receives a \$100 scholarship, a \$25 gift certificate, and a medallion presented at their school. Lauren will be highlighted on the Horizon Broadcasting Group radio stations, COTV and the Kristi Miller Show. In the spring the High Desert Heroes are eligible to compete for the prestigious William K Worrell, \$5,000 scholarship gifted by Connie Worrell-Druliner and Express Personnel. The scholarship is awarded at the May Scholarship Awards Dinner, a Salute to Heroes.

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