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STEP UP Community Partnership Recognized by the Village Board; Students Ready to Move Forward with Projects

The youth of Brockport and the Village of Brockport government have a new connection thanks to an innovative program with the Brockport Central School District (BCSD).

After listening to a presentation from BCSD high school students Zoe Pennington & Amber Reynolds, the Village Board approved and recognized those involved in the Step-Up Community Project.

The Step Up community Project, spearheaded by BCSD's Maria Maddaleno and brought to the Board's attention by Vice Mayor Connie Castaneda, will incorporate and combine the talents and skills of young members of this community and provide opportunities for healthy choices, life long learning skills, civic responsibility, and productivity. As Zoe Pennington stated, "we believe that meaningful roles, social commitment, and sense of ownership are the steps for unifying our youth and community."

The goals of the Step-Up Community Project include empowerment of young community members, opportunities for young community members to take ownership of the community and recruit other community members to participate, improve productive citizenship, and increase knowledge, growth, and development of the young community members by providing a responsible role to play within the community's decision making.

Students will provide community service by volunteering at places such as the Morgan Manning House, Seymour Library, and Emily Knapp Museum & Library of Local History. The students will also look to volunteer at Village events such as the Summer Serenades Concert Series, the Sidewalk Sale, the Canalway Trail Celebration, BISCO's Arts Festival and Septemberfest.

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