

DMS SCASA Recipients

Joseph Izquierdo

Joseph Izquierdo is a current 8th Grade student at Derby Middle School. Joseph is a valued member of the Derby School's community, and he is highly involved in activities inside and outside of our school. Joseph is an active member of the Peer Tutoring Club. He is also an active member of Student Council, completing various charitable projects and fundraisers. In addition to the charitable work done on Student Council, he plans fundraisers such as raffles to support the Shelton Animal Shelter. He received an award from Derby Middle School for his fundraising efforts. Joseph is also a valued member of the Running Club, a team that competes in both track and cross country. Additionally, Joseph is an active member of the valley community. Joseph volunteers his services as a grooming assistant on the weekends. His future goals include becoming a physician because he likes helping people. This summer when he turns 14 years old, he aspires to volunteer at Griffin Hospital.

Gianna Akter

Gianna Akter is a current 8th Grade student at Derby Middle School. Gianna is a valued member of the Derby School's community, and she is highly involved in activities inside and outside of our school. Gianna has an innate love for education and helping others. She is Vice President of the DMS Peer Tutoring Club, helping to tutor students who are struggling. Additionally, Gianna is an active member of Student Council, completing various charitable projects and fundraisers. In addition to her work in academics, Gianna is also a valued member of Derby Middle School's Art Club. Now in her free time, she uses several different mediums of art, such as watercolor, colored pencil, chalk, pen, charcoal, acrylic, and oil. Also, as a member of the DMS Band, Gianna played the saxophone in grades five and six, and the flute in grades seven and eight. Outside of school, she has volunteered as a camp counselor to young children at her local church. She also loves reptiles and aspires to become a Herpetologist in the future.