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### **Ocean County Senior Honored as State Board Student of the Month**

The State Board of Education today recognized Sara Dickhaus, a senior at Central Regional High School in Bayville and editor of the state's Key Club International newsletter, as its April Student of the Month.

Dickhaus holds leadership positions in several different school organizations, including President of her student congress. She also serves as the student representative for her local Board of Education and is a captain of her varsity basketball squad.

"The State Board often recognizes students with balanced resumes, and Sara is no exception," said State Board President Arnold G. Hyndman. "What makes her unique is the depth of her leadership skills in a variety of areas. From leading her basketball team to her involvement in local and statewide politics, Sara is a true gem."

As editor of "The Jersey Key," Sara is responsible for creating, printing and mailing four issues of the state's Key Club International newsletter to each high school associated in the New Jersey chapter. This amounts to roughly 24,000 newsletters a year.

"We often talk about diverse and multiple paths to success and how each individual student is different from another," said Commissioner of Education William L. Librera. "Sara is a unique and gifted student because she excels in so many different interests. She is someone who should be emulated and we are proud to honor her."

Dickhaus is "an outstanding student and true leader," said her principal, Bruce Orsino. "She is totally involved in school, both academically and with all her extracurricular activities."

Described by her guidance counselor as having an "energetic personality coupled with self-motivation and leadership skills," Sara was instrumental in opening a school store student Congress school office. She is also heavily involved in the Spanish Honor Society, Spirit Week and the Susan G. Komen "Race for the Cure"— an annual breast cancer awareness event in Washington, D.C.

Each month, the State Board of Education honors a student or group of students from a county in New Jersey to recognize academic excellence.

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