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2023 Manni Awards: Youth Visionary Leadership Award nominees



These are the Manitou Springs High School students who are finalists for the 2023 Manni Awards, which will be awarded on Thursday, March 23. School district leadership has selected these seniors for their admirable commitment to their school, classmates and community, and their excellence in academics and extracurricular activities.

Next week's *Sixty35 new magazine* will highlight three staff members who go above and beyond to serve the District 14 community.



Elanor Fugate

Elanor Fugate serves as the vice president of Key Club, secretary of the National Honor Society, secretary of the Environmental Club and treasurer of the Spanish Club. Elanor participates in theater and soccer; she also works with kids and volunteers with the elementary school students at her church.

"I've learned things academically, yes, but I've also learned a lot of things about myself and how to be a functional human being. I've developed several relationships that are really dear to my heart," Elanor said.



Lairden Rogge

Lairden Rogge is the president of the National Honor Society, and captain of the cross-country, basketball and track teams. He helps with community service projects and is a camp mentor at Green Box Arts in Green Mountain Falls in the summer. Lairden said his time at Manitou Springs High School has helped him grow as a person and learn what he wants to do next.

His advice to incoming freshmen is, "Work hard and always stay on top of your class work. Make good relationships with your teachers."



Payten Smith

Payten Smith is the president of Key Club, member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Club. She plays on the high school's varsity soccer team.

"Manitou has instilled in me a passion for learning. If my teachers have taught me anything, it's that learning can be fun and does not have to be intimidating," Payten said.

The advice she gives to incoming freshmen is, "Stay true to your values and connect with people that will help you to be successful in your high school career."

