



CLASS OF 2017 CRUSADER OF THE MONTH

Kelly Therese Stone

MONTH HONORED: October 2016

Kelly Stone was selected by Mrs. Kelly Dornbos

Kelly Stone is my choice for Crusader of the Month. On a daily basis, Kelly demonstrates exceptional character, sincere compassion, and genuine commitment in all that she does.

One of Kelly's most endearing qualities is the fact that she is always smiling – she is genuinely happy, and this is infectious. Kelly can usually find a way to make a person smile through what I like to call her “smile staredown.” Literally, she smiles and stares until her target smiles too – it's quite impressive. Kelly finds joy in the world around her, and this most certainly will make her future endeavors much brighter.

Kelly has an infallible commitment to anything she does. She has dedicated countless hours to swim, NHS, WINGS, the musical, yearbook, Student Council, Quiz Bowl, and the Youth Advisory Council, and I am certain that her leadership and dedication has made each program richer.

Kelly is a person of strong convictions who demonstrates a great compassion towards all. She wants to make the world a better place. In fact, before entering college, Kelly plans on dedicating time to a humanitarian organization in order to assist many in need and to make an immediate impact in the world. She will make the lives of so many others brighter by giving her time and talent because she is a motivated, dedicated, and talented human being who has already made her MCC community a better place.

Buddha once said, “Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.” This metaphor fits perfectly with Kelly's character – she is the candle lighting others with happiness and a smile.

Kelly is the daughter of Kevin and Therese Stone, and she attends St. Francis de Sales.



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Phu An Pham

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An Pham was selected by Mrs. Deb Charron

The MCC community has been lucky to have An Pham as a member of its student body for four years. An is a dedicated student and athlete, giving 100% effort to any program that he is involved in. His education is definitely a top priority, and he works very hard to ensure his success. His determination and excellent work ethic will serve him well in his post-high school education and career.

In the classroom, An gives every effort to achieve his goals. His innate mathematical abilities have provided him the opportunity to excel academically, but it is his motivation and determination that have driven his success. His work ethic and effort place him in a category far above the average student. He is perseverant and meticulous, always willing to give the extra effort to master the material.

I can only imagine the obstacles An had to overcome as an international student. There is sometimes a problem with a language barrier, and I am sure there is a culture shock. I greatly admire all the exchange students who leave their homes and family and friends and must learn to cope in a different country. An seems to have adapted very well and has become a part of the MCC family.

His dedication and love of baseball is very apparent. He works year round to improve his skills. During his freshmen and sophomore years, he played on MCC's JV team. Last year, he started at short stop for varsity and has become an integral part of the team. In all things, his effort and determination has paid off.

Since freshmen year, I have found An to be extremely considerate and respectful. He is kind to his fellow students and always willing to help out. He always seems to be in a good mood, as evidenced by his grin. It is the one defining characteristic that sets him apart from everyone else. The famous "An grin" – I would recognize it anywhere, and I will miss it around here after he graduates.

An is a great student, athlete, and leader. He is an excellent role model for our younger students. His character, commitment, and compassion make him a Crusader. An was not born as a Crusader, but is a Crusader, through and through.

An plans to attend Kalamazoo College next year to study physics to become a physical therapist.

An is the son of Phu Ngoc Pham and Hanh Hong Thi Nguyen in Vietnam and host parent Thuy Nguyen in Muskegon.