

# Governor's Council on Disability

## 2017 Youth Leadership Award Winner

*Winners exemplify standards of excellence in enhancing life for individuals living with disabilities*

The Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) has selected the winner of the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Award**. The Youth Leadership Award is a program to recognize an outstanding Missouri youth (age 16-26) with a disability that has demonstrated exemplary leadership by making a difference in their community.

### **5th Annual Youth Leadership Award: Andrew Tollefson**

Helping people understand the ability behind the disability is a mission that Andrew Tollefson takes very seriously. As a junior at Francis Howell North High School in St. Charles, he excels academically and has maintained perfect attendance. Andrew is a member of Knights of Excellence Club, We Are All Knights Club, and has been on the Honor Roll for three years. Andrew serves as a tutor and mentor for elementary school children, and as an annual DisABILITY Awareness speaker to educate others and advocate for people with disabilities. He has been a guest reporter on Fox 2 News in St. Louis for Variety the Children's Charity fundraising week and was an advocate for people with disabilities on The Thread, a local television show.

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