

Rosmeri Shallenberger is a senior at Niagara Academy/Orleans Niagara BOCES, described by her teacher and nominator as “one of the most caring and highly motivated students I have worked with in the last 16 years.” Rosie is exceptionally driven, contributing to her community and classroom with kindness and vision. Rosie believes that as a leader it is her responsibility to be a role model for her fellow peers and set forth an example of a model citizen.

Rosie has consistently worked hard to achieve high grades as an honor roll student. Rosie participates in the Security and Law Vocational Program at the Niagara Career and Technical Center, where she excels. To be successful in the program commitment, attendance and effective collaboration and communication skills are key. Rosie succeeds at all, translated in her ability to command a room and effectively lead in a way that is inclusive and thoughtful of others. Rosie is a team-player passionate about service. After high school she plans to enlist in the United States Marine Corps., serving her country while pursuing a degree in criminal justice. She will undoubtedly thrive in her dream job of becoming a law enforcement officer to protect people and uphold justice.

Rosie was a member of the Niagara Academy Student Council for 3 years, serving as Student Council President for 1 year. Rosie served as a role model, helping to promote a culture of positivity and achievement in school, leading in the planning and operation of fundraisers and activities to benefit the school and community. Rosie was a standout as a graduate of the LYNC Class of 2020.

Rosie is also a martial artist, with a 1st degree black belt in Kenpo karate and a brown belt in Judo/Jujitsu. Rosie uses that focus and determination to take on her life goals. She assists her mother, who is a foster parent while also working a part time job. Rosie has an enormous heart, caring for others. She stands out in a crowd of young leaders, she approaches situations with a level-headed maturity and honesty beyond her years. She is an intuitive leader that inspires the best from those around her. Her commitment to academic achievement, service and community, and dedication to leadership is a beacon of optimism for our collective future.