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Carl Sandburg High School Senior Wins the IHSA Award

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Carter Schott, Senior at Carl Sandburg High School, was selected as the winner of the National Federation of State High School Associations Heart of the Arts Award. He competed with five other States and received this honor for his dedication to the marching band and rising above his physical challenges of living with a muscle condition called spinal muscular dystrophy by learning to play his drum while still performing choreography in unison with the rest of his band mates.

Carter's love of music and marching has led him to participate in over eight student activities at Sandburg including the marching band, pep band, jazz band and spring musical. He is also involved in competitive bass fishing and robotics teams.

He is an active member in the Orland Park community who has dedicated much of his time to helping others. He has completed over 350 hours of community service running exercise classes for seniors in an assisted living facility.

The quote Carter frequently uses is "if you can't stand up, stand out." He is an inspiration to all reminding us to believe in yourself, follow your passions, and you can do anything you set your mind to.