



Kristen DeVilliers, a junior at Delaware Valley High School, was one of two students in the state of Pennsylvania recently selected to participate in the National Rifle Association's annual National Youth Education Summit (Y.E.S.).

To be chosen for the national level, DeVilliers attended the state program April 25-29 in Harrisburg, Pa. To be picked for Nationals, DeVilliers was judged on leadership qualities, the ability to work with others, and her ability to persuade others to think the way she does.

While there, she attended workshops and NRA presentations. They also attended the Palmyra Sportsmen's Club where they learned about shooting range safety. Furthermore, DeVilliers traveled to the Gettysburg battlefield to learn more about the history of Pennsylvania.

"The experience was awesome," said DeVilliers. "I met so many amazing people throughout the trip."

The National Rifle Association launched the National Youth Education Summit (Y.E.S.) in 1996 in an effort to encourage America's youth to become active and knowledgeable citizens. The Summit is a six-day, expenses-paid leadership week in Washington, D.C. for outstanding high school sophomores and juniors.

While in the nation's capital, DeVilliers will learn the significance of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights while developing an understanding of government and the importance to actively participating in it.

Current high school sophomores and juniors with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) are eligible to apply. The application process is highly competitive consisting of a Second Amendment essay, personal statement, submission of high school transcripts and three recommendations.

"Throughout this whole experience I realized that I need to be myself in order for people to actually understand who I am," DeVilliers said.



Junior lacrosse player Emily Peters is a standout student athlete at Delaware Valley High School. As of May 9, Peters has scored 18 goals and posted five assists. “Emily is willing to play anywhere on the field to benefit her team,” head coach Bernadine Salak said. “She always steps up to a challenge, works hard, and is the type of student athlete who a coach dreams of having on her team.” Peters is also a member of the girls’

basketball team, Students Against Substance Abuse, Relay for Life and Student Council. “Being involved has made me a better student,” she said. “I have learned a lot from the activities and the people who are part of them.” Peters volunteers for the local food pantry, Stars for Hope, Alex’s Lemonade Stand, and Beads for Life. She recently volunteered at the Taking Our Shot at Inspiring Hope 5K in Dingmans Ferry, Pa. “Volunteering has opened my eyes and made me realize how bad some peoples’ lives are,” Peters said. “It makes me want to keep helping others.” Although Peters is only a junior, she has her goal set at becoming a physical therapist.