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PA State Association of Boroughs Honors Anyplace Borough Junior Council Person

Your Town, PA -- The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) honored Anyplace Borough Junior Council Person Mary Smith with the Distinguished Junior Council Person Award during Monday's borough council meeting.

Smith, a student at Anywhere High School, has served as the Junior Council Person (JCP) in Anyplace Borough since 2016. In her role, Smith, a senior, attended council meetings, community events, and budget hearings. Although she could not vote or attend executive session, she said the experience changed her outlook on local government.

"I wanted to become a Junior Council Person to help youth have a voice in local government," Smith said.

PSAB presents the award to students who excel in the program.

Smith was selected as the borough's JCP after an application and interview process with borough officials. Smith is vice president of the Student Government Association, is captain of the volleyball team, and is an Honor's student. In her community, she volunteers at the Anyplace Senior Center. After graduation, Smith wants to attend college and major in chemistry.

Mayor Debra Jones said the borough was impressed with Smith's dedication to improving communication with a younger generation.

Wesleyville Borough, Erie County established the first JCP Program in 1999. The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs has adopted this model which has been widely implemented by boroughs throughout the Commonwealth.

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