



Steamboat Springs Teen Council's October Teen Of The Month

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO- Members of the Steamboat Springs Teen Council have selected Olivia Hobson as Teen of the Month for October, 2017. Olivia has been selected for this honor by members of the Steamboat Springs Teen Council because she is an outstanding teen in the community and embodies the following values of Teen Council:

- Demonstrates that teens are valuable community assets
- Acts as a leader and/or a positive role model amongst her peers
- Committed to community service

Olivia Hobson is a senior at the Steamboat Springs High School. Olivia is an active member in our community, and you may know her from various activities such as theater, dance, Science Olympiad, National Society of High School Scholars, and more. One of her strongest passions is with the theater program, having joined as a freshman, she has been a part of multiple productions, including, the musicals Shakespeare and SPEAK. Hobson says, "I've loved seeing the drama troupe grow these past years and am so proud to have been a part of it". Olivia also stays busy with being one of the directors for this year's dance showcase. She's excited to help produce such a big variety of dances with more diversity than the showcase has seen in the past.

Olivia had many accomplishments that she is proud of, but one of them was creating a petition at school to create a musical theory course. Hobson had to create the petition, have peers sign the petition, and then meet with the principal and academic counselor to propose the idea. This year, Hobson is a proud student in a Directed Study: Music Theory course offered at the Steamboat Springs High School. Hobson says, "I'm learning a lot and so is everyone else in the class, making it worth it me!" Great job Olivia in making your dreams come true!



A lot of teens may wonder what helps Hobson stay so motivated. Hobson answered this with excitement and confidence, "I think one of my ultimate goals is to never look back with regret. I want to always look back and be really proud of what I've done." Hobson is aware that all of the commitment can often lead to stress, but she feels it is worth the memories and you never know what saying "yes" might lead to.

After High School, Olivia plans to go to college in the Pacific Northwest. She has not decided on what she wants to study yet, but has a passion for music, theater, chemistry, the environment and writing. In 10 years Olivia hopes to find herself doing something she loves.

Hobson was proud to speak of her biggest role model, her mother. She looks up to her mom because she has dedicated her life to helping others. Olivia has learned many things from her mom, including, always being true to yourself, love what you're doing, and do your best to stay happy in life when it tries to beat you down. Olivia says she has been truly inspired by mother.

Hobson spoke with us about a personal struggle she overcame. She thought back to the advice her mentor had given her, and how at one point in Olivia's life she didn't follow the advice. As a freshman, Hobson felt she did not have a place yet and didn't know who she wanted to be. This affected her strongly and affected a lot of relationships she had. It took time and dedication to fix some of these problems, but she was able to find herself and begin to grow as a person. Hobson said, "Now I feel confident in who I am and how I've decided to live my life, and I'm so glad that I had to go through the bad to discover the good."

At the end of the interview, Hobson told us why she feels it's important for teens to be valued in the community. Olivia felt that teens are the future of this community and will be the tools to inventing solutions in the future. "We're learning from our community, and the more opportunity we have to meet new people, to offer our ideas, to implement those solutions, the more experience we have in being leaders".

Congratulations Olivia! She will be awarded a \$25 Amazon gift certificate and will be featured in the Steamboat Today newspaper. Learn more about the SSTC at facebook.com/ssteencouncil.

About the Steamboat Springs Teen Council: The SSTC, in its 11th consecutive year, works to increase positive leadership development, involve teens in the community at large, and provide substance free and alternative activities for youth. The program is sponsored by the City of Steamboat Springs and Grand Futures Prevention Coalition. The SSTC is funded through a grant from Routt County United Way and the Yampa Valley Community Foundation.

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