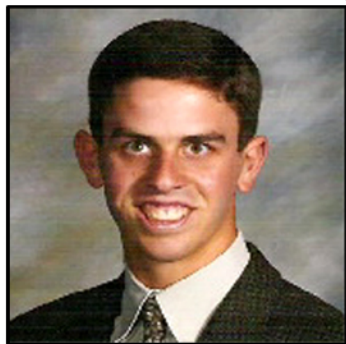


Brian Brazil receives the Good Character Award

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On Friday, May 2, SMHS awarded Special-Ed student Brian Brazil with the Good Character Award for his unwavering contribution to San Marino.

The Good Character Award is awarded to students who are not only amiable and caring, but also helpful and proud of their school. Issued only twice a year, the award is a rare honor for those



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who receive it. Though it is forgotten when the award was first created, the reason itself is evident. SMHS Office Secretary Mrs. Katie Blanton explained that San Marino High School created the award because the faculty felt "we really deserved a couple [awards] every year."

According to Mrs. Blanton, Brian shows not only the desired qualifications, but much more. He is not only "friendly and concerned," but also "comes to clean our SMHS campus on weekends, [displays] school pride,

and even volunteers at Carver."

But why does Brian like to help out so much? Simply put, Brian explained, "It is good for the earth." However, cleaning up the SMHS campus is not an easy task. Brian's weekend routine consists of cleaning the football field, the upper and lower baseball fields, the "Toilet Bowl," and other popular trash sites. In addition to cleaning up the litter discarded by thoughtless students, Brian also puts away chairs and cleans the water fountains. Provided with the chance, this helpful student also assists the janitors in cleaning up classrooms.

Cleaning up the earth is not the only thing that occupies the majority of Brian's time not spent in school. In his free time, he likes to "build tree houses, help in the kitchen, fix broken things, and build boats to sail at Newport Beach." Playing with his pets is among Brian's favorite pastimes. In addition to raising a Labrador Retriever named Coby Brazil, this enthusiastic pet-lover also possesses a bird, a hamster, a fish, and a gecko. Like most modern teenagers, Brian loves to eat. His menu of favorite foods includes hamburgers, pizza, soda, peanut butter and jelly, and Cookies 'n Cream ice cream.

Though the Good Character Award is a extremely illustrious honor, Brian was very modest of his success. Commenting on winning the award, Brian plainly stated, "I feel happy about it."