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Granby student Kendall Comstock awarded UTC/YMCA Youth Citizenship Award for outstanding volunteer service

Kendall Comstock of Granby was awarded one of four United Technologies/ YMCA Wesley A. Kuhrt Youth Citizenship Awards for Community Service conferred statewide at the YMCA of Greater Hartford Annual Meeting. The awards are made in memory of a man known for his outstanding volunteer and professional leadership, the late Wesley A. Kuhrt, who was president of Sikorsky Aircraft and a former United Technologies Corporation vice president.

The UTC/YMCA Youth Citizenship Awards are presented annually to young YMCA program participants ages 15 to 20, who have strongly demonstrated an ongoing commitment to volunteer service. Through their experience at the YMCA, applicants and winners alike learn the YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, helping them to become positive role models and leaders in their communities.

Prior to attending UConn, Kendall volunteered through two separate gap year programs. She began the year by working for Epic Missions in Vero Beach, Florida. Homeless shelters, food pantries, after care programs and Hibiscus House, a state-run program for teens taken from their parents, all benefited from Kendall's service.

She then spent six months in South Africa, Lesotho and Namibia working with Experience Mission. She served as a teacher and mentor in various schools, the Olieven Disability Center and the Growing Nations Farming School.

Comstock is currently a mentor and teacher to a group of 7th grade girls in a program run by Valley Community Baptist Church. She is a freshman at the University of Connecticut.

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