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Students at Concord Academy Boyne

Northern Community Mediation (NCM) has been working with students in Emily Padgett's class at Concord Academy Boyne to produce videos promoting mediation. NCM Executive Director Dr. Jane Millar met with the class to explain mediation and the services offered by NCM. Although their teacher Emily provided some guidance, she is quick to explain that it was the students themselves who are responsible for the finished product.

In particular, Emily pointed out that it was actually Nicole Rutkowski who created the video. Once the other students in the class saw Nicole's finished product, they all agreed that her video was so good that there was no need to make additional videos. According to Millar, "Nicole should give serious consideration to studying in the fields of graphics and the arts. She just seems to be a natural, not just because of her drawings but also her ability to understand how to get a message across."

As a means of thanking the students, their teacher was presented with a check for \$250, which was partially funded by a grant received from the Women's Association. The students plan to use some the money towards their senior trip.

On Tuesday, June 14, a description of the project along with a class picture will be posted on both Facebook and Instagram. Then, on Wednesday, June 15 Nicole's video will be posted on Facebook and Instagram. The videos will continue to be posted on Facebook and Instagram throughout the year.

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict

Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation should contact Dr. Jane Millar at 231.487.1771.

Pictured from left to right: Nicole Rutkowski, Emily Padgett, Logan Fuller, Aiden Kohler, Maggie Thorman