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Indian River Central School Senior Selected Experiential Learner of the Month

KEUKA PARK, N.Y.—Oxbow resident Chelsea Bango, a senior at Indian River Central School in Philadelphia, N.Y., is the October recipient of Keuka College's Experiential Learner of the Month Award.

Keuka, the national leader in experiential, hands-on learning, established the program to honor high school students whose commitment to experiential, hands-on learning has made a difference in their communities.

Bango will receive a partial fellowship to Keuka and qualify for the Experiential Learner of the Year Award, which carries a full fellowship to the College.

A member of the softball team at Indian River, Bango is a regular participant in the school's talent shows.

A member of the Oxbow Presbyterian Church, she is a founding member of the choir and has assumed a leadership role of the youth group. She has raised funds so that the youth group could attend spiritual conferences and conduct a mission trip to help the homeless in New York City.

Bango also takes part in worship services the church holds at a nearby nursing home.

"The highlight of the services is the singing of old-time hymns that Chelsea and her friends lead," said Ronald Sinclair, pastor of the church. "After the service, Chelsea always spends time with the residents to let them know that they are loved."

Bango's community service work also extends to the local fire department and earlier this year she took a lead role in the staging of a community pig roast that raised funds to help maintain local cemeteries.

In addition to her schoolwork, athletics, and volunteer work in the community, Bango has held various jobs.

The Experiential Learner of the Month Award-winner is featured on television stations
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throughout central, western, and northern New York state, as well as the Southern Tier.

The participating stations include:

- *WTVH*, Channel 5, Syracuse (CBS).
- *WROC*, Channel 8, Rochester (CBS).
- *WKBW*, Channel 7, Buffalo (ABC).
- *WWNY*, Channel 7, Watertown (CBS).
- *WBNG*, Channel 12, Binghamton (CBS).

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