

**Annie McCord**  
**2020 FLAM Excellence in Foreign Language Study Award**  
**High School**



The Excellence in Foreign Language Study Award - High School is awarded to a junior or senior secondary foreign language student who exhibits superior performance in the foreign language class.

Annie McCord is our Excellence in Foreign Language Study Award high school recipient. "Inquisitive, eloquent and globally-minded" are three of the words used to describe Annie McCloud, who studied Spanish at Lee's Summit High School and earned the Distinguished Missouri State Seal of Biliteracy. Annie's teachers agreed that not only are her intellectual ability and academic achievement outstanding but also that she is a leader in and outside of the classroom.

Annie plans to continue her Spanish studies in college as she pursues a double major in Spanish and graphic design, with the eventual goal of serving in the Peace Corps. She had her first taste of traveling abroad during her senior year as she participated in an exchange involving hosting a Spanish student and then

traveling to Spain. She hopes to study abroad in college to continue to grow her proficiency in the Spanish language.

Annie shares her love for Spanish when she says that "studying a second language is important because learning Spanish has allowed me to achieve goals and better my future more than any other school subject. Learning Spanish has helped me develop a cultural understanding for people [...] and to explore cultural traditions. Learning a second language is very challenging, but it matters because of the opportunities it may bring when a student works hard to reach their goals."

"Not only is Annie a wonderful student, but also a wonderful person with incredible compassion for others. It is rare to find a student who equals her dedication, focus, and intellectual talent."

*- Robin Villa, Spanish teacher, Lee's Summit High School*

"Annie is intellectually curious and adventurous and... is a perceptive young woman who will make a difference in the world around her. I am confident that Ms. Annie McCord has a promising and successful academic career ahead of her."

*- Deborah Parker, German teacher, Lee's Summit High School*