



The Young Leaders of Influence is a partnership between Brighton High School, The Professional Women's Club of Women, and The Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce. We award one female student monthly for exhibiting exceptional Leadership Skills among her peers.

Also, we have a monthly High School Club called +influence, where girls who are interested in developing, fine tuning, or utilizing Leadership Skills are encouraged and exhorted to explore areas in the community and in their lives they can utilize valuable information learned in the club.

If you have an interest in getting involved in any way with these groups, please contact Catherine Shinsky at [catherines@brightoncoc.org](mailto:catherines@brightoncoc.org) or Jenny McKindles at [info@brightoncoc.org](mailto:info@brightoncoc.org).



#### Vision Statement

Seeking to empower traditional and nontraditional, young female leaders locally to become effective leaders globally. We encourage girls to lead beyond their limitations, achieve beyond their dreams, and impact communities beyond their reach.

#### +influence after school group / Young Leaders of Influence Program – 2016-17

- +Build upon last year's award program with addition of after school "leadership club" for girls called .... " + influence "
- +Focus for group – Leading w authenticity, Discovering individual strengths and styles through monthly meetings/workshops
- +Guided by Stephanie Penneau – Leadership principles, vision statements
- +Local businesswomen in community as guest speakers (success stories/ inspiration)
- +Community project
- +Group modeled after business "sorority" structure
- +Meeting times – after school once a month
- +Female focused, but males are welcome.
- +Marketing the program – through HS (Showcase), posters made by students & social media
- +BHS Student liaisons – Grace V. & Emma S.



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Here is a write-up from our Brighton High School liaison Grace Vankannel regarding our YLI program:

"We have a wide diversity of great leaders at Brighton High School--- from the leadership class, to the captains of our sports teams, from the band majors to the everyday leaders in our classrooms--- we are surrounded by people who are looking to make Brighton High School better. To celebrate these excellent leaders and their expansive list of accomplishments, the Young Women of Influence group was created to recognize some of the best, most influential young women at Brighton. For the past couple years, we have been nominating 2-3 girls a month who exemplify the pillars of great leadership: good character, scholarship and integrity. After the nomination, a committee of women from the professional Women's Club of Michigan at the Greater Brighton Area Chamber select one winner, and award them with a small prize and gift certificate for their amazing leadership and community contributions.

This month's past winner was Margot Moffa. Throughout her life, Margot has had to overcome some personal struggles, but never lets any of these things gets in way of her goals and leadership responsibilities. Margot is friendly, professional, and not afraid to stand up and be the "tough guy" to get the job done. As president of BKOM, Margot has to juggle a very busy schedule: she must plan agendas, organize/run meetings for the board and BKOM as a whole, and craft assemblies. She has a lot of responsibility managing board members, the BKOM mentors and their freshmen, but handles her job with grace. When asked what drives her, Margot said "I've always wanted to put my mark on the world in a positive way and show everyone that they're capable of something." Much of the work she does goes overlooked, which is a shame because Margot does so much to create a welcoming atmosphere and easy transition for the incoming freshmen. If you haven't met her, Margot is one of the most sincere and well rounded leaders out there; she's more than willing to drop whatever she's doing to help someone else out. "I've been through a lot throughout my high school career and I want to remain as positive as I can, and leading helps me do that." Next year, Margot will be attending Central Michigan University to study elementary education and continue to better the lives of others in our community."

*We would also like to recognize our past winners who have been selected throughout the 2016-2017 Brighton school year: Hannah Swanson, Brynn Chesney, Ellen Tsao, Anna Domka, Emily Dunn, Kate Sauve and Maddie Brent. If you are interest in Young women of Influence and would like to get more involved with our organization, join our after school club +influence to learn about great leadership and serve in different community service projects.*

Thank you,

Grace Vankannel