

Carle Place Key Club Recognized As Service Star

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McLaughlin found that the conference made her realize that "selfless acts of kindness are constantly taking place in the Key Club. I am so proud to be a part of this organization and truly make a difference in my community".

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