

# Student of the week

## Zachary DuBose

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Many area teenagers will spend their summer vacations at the local pool or working, but E.C. Glass sophomore Zachary DuBose will be traveling to Australia as a student ambassador.



DuBose

Zachary was selected to participate with the People to People student ambassador program, which takes high school students to other countries to learn about other cultures, his mother, Suzanne Crawford, said.

Zachary also was selected for the National Young Leaders Conference, sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, and will spend six days in Washington, D.C., in March, where he'll have a chance to meet with congressional leaders.

"It's basically going to take me to D.C. to teach me about the system," Zachary, 15, said. "It will help aspiring leaders become better leaders."

While Zachary's achievements are significant for any student, they are more notable because he fights two severe learning disabilities, Crawford said. "The amazing thing he's extremely dyslexic and dysgraphic and has been in special ed since the second grade."

Zachary has gone to a half dozen schools to find the right program that could help him learn, Crawford said. He had a lot of trouble with reading and with his handwriting, which made writing essays for program applications very difficult. "He's very good verbally, but it's hard for him to put things on paper physically."

Now in high school, Zachary is only in one special class and takes three advanced placement classes, he said.

In addition to the two leadership programs, Zachary is a member of the JROTC and wants to go to the Air Force Academy to be a mechanic or pilot.

Zachary said he is driven to succeed because of his educational past. "Basically I was told I was not able to do a lot of stuff when I was really young and it's basically been a drive to prove them wrong."