

Sierra Warman, a freshman at E.L. Meyers High School in Wilkes-Barre, is currently working on earning the Silver Award in Girl Scouting. The Silver Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can achieve. Recipients of the award need to show dedication to improving their communities, be organized and determined. A recipient of the Bronze and Gold Awards, Warman hopes her messages of positivity, hard work and kindness in the halls of her high school will earn her the Silver Award.

"I'm doing this project, not just to get my Silver Award but to spread positivity in my school. Maybe even in the community because there's just so much hate in the world, and I figured why not start, in the one place where it should be positive," Warman said.

For the last few months, Warman has been creating posters, large and small, with messages of hope, empathy, and perseverance. So far, Warman has created about fifty laminated posters and hung them around the first floor of the school. She is in the process of making more and will do so throughout this year. Warman also worked with the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center's graphic arts department to create four large banners which she recently hung at the school.

A member of the Girl Scouts since fourth grade, Warman will soon be bridging from cadette to senior. Bridging is a ceremony Girl Scouts hold for girls who have completed the cadette portion of the organization's program. Besides scouting, Warman also enjoys singing, photography, camping, and hanging out with friends. She has also helped with food drives and Valley Santa.

Warman's project has been funded through donations from the community as well as assistance from Robert Watkins, principal of E.L. Meyers High School, and Brian Costello, superintendent of Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

"The hallways are covered with many positive statements and pictures. This artwork brightens our hallways and conveys a positive message to all of our students. I know Sierra has spent many hours over the summer to complete this task and it has made a tremendous impact on our school," Watkins said.

Warman's mother, Sheena, said that without the assistance of the school and district, her daughter's project wouldn't have been possible.

"We really couldn't have done any of it without them being on board with the whole idea and allowing us to execute each step," she said.

Warman hopes her message of positivity helps not just today's students but others as well.

"I'm hoping to see my school become a happy place and positive place to learn. Not just for my generation but generations to come," Warman said.