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BVNW student finalist for national community service award

Blue Valley Northwest senior Aniruddha (Andy) Rao was recognized as a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of the Community Awards program. He was a top runner-up for the 2010 award for the state of Kansas. He will receive an engraved bronze medallion to commemorate this recognition. The award recognizes young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism.

Rao helped develop a performance known as *The Outrage* at his school to educate the community about teenage dating violence and domestic abuse. He and the other members of *The Outrage* theater troupe performed the play more than 50 times for more than 10,000 people in one year.

“I would consider Andy to be a true servant leader,” said Amy Murphy, Blue Valley Northwest principal. “His ability to motivate and mentor younger students is outstanding. He is the kind of student that brings out the best in others.”

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