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Marot, Golden selected HOBY leaders by Badin High

Badin High School sophomore Joe Marot has been selected to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program, Brian Pendergest, dean of students, announced.

Marot is the son of Pat and Mollie Marot of Fairfield and a graduate of Sacred Heart School. Joe is vice president of the sophomore class, plays basketball and baseball, and is a member of Athletes Making Progress, the Ambassador program, and the Hamilton Youth Philanthropy organization.

Sophomore Kim Golden is the alternate selection to the program. Kim is the daughter of Marty and Ann Golden of Cincinnati and a graduate of St. John Dry Ridge School. She is a member of Student Council, Athletes Making Progress, the Ambassador program, and plays soccer.

"Joe and Kim are outstanding student leaders and great representatives of Badin High School," Pendergest said. "We have a selection and an alternate, though in the past we have been able to send both students to the leadership event."

The HOBY program includes a June leadership retreat at Xavier University in Cincinnati. Its motto is to teach students "how to think, not what to think."

Founded in 1958, HOBY's mission is to provide lifelong leadership opportunities for youth. It came about shortly after an inspiring nine-day trip to Africa by the actor Hugh O'Brian – perhaps best known for playing Wyatt Earp in the television series of the same name – where he met the legendary Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

"The most important thing is to teach people to think for themselves," Schweitzer told O'Brian, later taking the actor's hand and saying, "Hugh, what are you going to do with this?" O'Brian returned to Los Angeles and just two weeks later mapped out the framework for the HOBY leadership effort.

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