



LEAF REIDERER



ANNA DOUCET



VIVIANA HAMMOND

UWAC awards scholarships to local students

MIDDLEBURY — The United Way of Addison County has announced this year's three winners of its annual "Live United" Volunteer Scholarship Award: Anna Doucet of Bristol, Leaf Reiderer of Granville and Viviana Hammond of Middlebury. The three seniors were awarded scholarships in recognition of their commitment to volunteering in their community and their interest in advancing their education. The award comes with \$1,000 for each student, to be used for post-graduation education.

UWAC's volunteer and donor engagement coordinator, Amy Hoekstra, is impressed with the students who make time to give back to Addison County. "Being a teenager can be tough enough in 'normal' times, never mind spending the majority of your high school years in a pandemic. We are inspired by the students who

— at a young age — recognize the importance of contributing to their community."

Anna Doucet began regularly volunteering with Open Door Clinic in early 2021 with the outreach program, which visits Addison County farms to provide vaccines and health screenings to agricultural workers. A supervisor at ODC says that Doucet sees the big picture of community, culture and kindness, which is impressive. Doucet will graduate from Mt. Abraham Union High School this month and will attend Middlebury College to major in International Affairs in the fall.

Viviana Hammond of Middlebury has been a member of the Middlebury Union High School chapter of Best Buddies throughout her high school career. Viviana's volunteer efforts have led to a more inclusive school, positively impacting all its

members and the surrounding community as a whole. Viviana's staff advisor says that Viviana demonstrates "Live United" even when it may not be a popular stance with her peers. Viviana will major in Marine Biology at Duke University this fall.

Leaf Reiderer of Granville has volunteered with WomenSafe since his sophomore year at Middlebury Union High School, helping to make concrete changes in how our schools and communities worked around Rape Prevention Education (RPE) and equality. A WomenSafe educator said that Leaf's work with WomenSafe has opened so many doors for teens in Addison County to get the education and support they need to live healthier, safer lives. This fall, Leaf will attend St. Michael's College to major in Biology and Environmental Science.