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Heritage High sophomore Allison Koontz received a surprise visit in May from Congressman Jerry McNerney, who made a special trip to Heritage to present her with the Congressional Award.

Also in attendance were Heritage Principal Larry Oshodi, Liberty Union High School District Superintendent Eric Volta and Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Mary Vinciguerra. The award was conferred in Elizabeth Cruz-Hurtado's English class.

The award recognized Allison's commitment to several efforts, including hospital volunteer work and studying Spanish, Japanese and Chinese.