



Nova Kroll
North Allegheny Senior High School
Gold Award Project:
Spreading Awareness for Veterans about
the benefits of Pets for Vets program

Nova worked with Animal Friends to spread awareness of their veteran services for free pet adoption and the benefits it could have for veterans in the Pittsburgh area. She used social media to promote information about the services and to give veterans and their families easy access to the processes. She presented to the Veterans Affairs organization, the Veterans Breakfast Club, and the Veterans Leadership Place, both in-person and online. During her presentations, Nova was able to interact with veterans and help them learn more about Animal Friends veteran services. She also recorded a video presentation for the Court of

Common Pleas, Veterans Court in Allegheny County. She was passionate about this project because of her grandfathers, who served in the Army and the Navy respectively. On top of completing her Gold Award, Nova participated in band in high school and was superintendent of her high school's JROTC program. She ran cross country at her high school and her current school. She is currently at Georgia Military College on a Falcon Foundation Scholarship from the Air Force Academy and received her appointment to enter the Air Force Academy this fall with the Class of 2026.