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## **Westwood High School fine arts student creates “Star Day” for special education students**

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Duncan Winburn, a senior at Westwood High School in Columbia, has founded “Star Day,” a program that celebrates special education students and the arts.

Winburn, a fine arts student with cerebral palsy, led Star Day Friday, December 1 at Westwood High School.

Winburn created the service project Star Day during his participation last summer in the Riley Institute’s Emerging Public Leaders (EPL) program at Furman University.

Winburn recognized a need to help special education students experience the fun and creativity of art. The day featured puppet-making and staging a show, creating sculptures, singing, dancing, and improvisational theatre. It culminated in a showcase where every student is a “star.”

Since the beginning of the school year, fine arts students from Westwood High have been preparing for the event.

“When I first started school, I was in special education. I get how [special education students] see the world, and it’s different than those of us in regular education. As an arts student myself, I know my fellow classmates can learn a lot by just seeing the world through the unique perspective of a special education student,” said Winburn.

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