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## East Patchogue Student Attains Rank of Eagle Scout

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(East Patchogue, NY) – NYS Senator Dean Murray recently presented a certificate to Brian Valand at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the Hagerman Fire Department in East Patchogue, NY.

During his seven-year Boy Scout journey to Eagle Scout, Brian earned 33 merit badges and completed six service projects. The projects benefited Hagerman Fire Department and South Country Central School District, culminating in his Eagle Scout service project of the installation of a flagpole and patio at the Center for Environmental Education and Discovery

in Brookhaven, NY. In addition to his scouting activities Brian is also a member of his high school's cross-country and track teams, as well as jazz and percussion bands and has participated in NYSSMA. Brian is a member of the Hagerman Fire Department Explorer and Junior and Our Lady of the Snow Roman Catholic (RC) Church. He holds the following leadership roles: Senior Patrol Leader, Captain of Explorer Post #510, Brotherhood in Order of the Arrow Lodge #360, National Youth Leadership Training Staff as Quartermaster and Guide, and Senior Altar Server at Our Lady of the Snow RC Church.

“I am proud to honor Brian for his achievement earning the rank of Eagle Scout and all his accomplishments that led him to this moment. His journey is only the beginning, as he is one of our leaders of tomorrow. I look forward to seeing what he will achieve in his future endeavors,” said **NYS Senator Dean Murray, 3rd Senate District**.