

**Downers South Social Studies  
Department honors students**

DOWNERS GROVE – Downers Grove South High School students were lauded recently at the school's Social Studies Department recognition breakfast.

Teachers selected students from their classes who exemplify hard work, admirable character and consistency in the classroom.

In addition, teachers chose Beatrice Ellen Beirne as the Outstanding Senior and a student who is a critical and analytical thinker, as well as a caring and involved member in society, according to a school news release.

Kimberly Elsa Nothdurft received the Curt Koehler Inquiring Minds Award.

Curt Koehler was a Downers Grove South social studies teacher who encouraged his students to think more deeply and broadly, with greater clarity and compassion, the release stated.

Koehler's daughter Cora presented the award.

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