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Congratulations Jack Volkers!

2026 Michigan CEC Yes I Can! Self-Advocacy Award

Jack is being recognized for the tremendous growth he has shown in independence, confidence, and self-advocacy. After facing challenges with focus and attentiveness throughout his education, Jack has learned to better advocate for his needs and take ownership of his learning. This year, he has taken great pride in completing his work with increased independence and minimal support.

Jack's growth can also be seen in the leadership roles he has taken on at school. He serves as a peer mentor in an inclusive Life Skills class and as co-manager of the school store, the Elk Den, where he helps support and encourage others. He has embraced these responsibilities while also staying actively involved in sports.

Jack's determination, leadership, and growing confidence demonstrate how far he has come. His willingness to advocate for himself, take on new responsibilities, and support those around him truly embodies the spirit of Yes I Can!