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# Dan Marburger—Single Act of Heroism Award

**Perry, IA**—On March 26, 2025, Perry Principal Dan Marburger was awarded the Single Act of Heroism Award by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society in Arlington, Virginia.

Principal Dan Marburger demonstrated extraordinary heroism during the tragic shooting at Perry High School on January 4, 2024, when a student opened fire inside the school. Marburger selflessly confronted the shooter in the hallway, putting himself in harm's way to protect others. Despite being shot, he continued engaging with the shooter, enabling students and staff to evacuate to safety. Marburger was struck four times during this brave intervention and managed to walk to safety, but ultimately lost his life due to his injuries. His courageous actions exemplified the highest level of dedication to protecting his students and staff, making the ultimate sacrifice in service of others.

**[Citizen Honors—Dan Marburger, 2025 Single Act of Heroism Honoree on Vimeo](#)**

*Shared from Stephan K. Bayens, Commissioner, Iowa Department of Public Safety.*