



Do the Right Thing of Rochester, Inc.

2019-2020 Annual Report

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PROGRAM HISTORY AND OVERVIEW

About the Program

The Do the Right Thing Award program has been part of the Rochester Police Department since 1995, and incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation in March 2000. The program functions under the auspices of the Rochester Police Department, and is overseen by an appointed Executive Board of Directors. A copy of the by-laws can be found on our [website](#). Program sponsors provide generous donations which are distributed to award winners, and also help fund the daily operations of the program.

The goal of the Do the Right Thing Award Program is to foster positive relationships between all local law enforcement and school-aged youth. The program recognizes students for their exemplary behavior. Actions such as volunteering in the community, aiding law enforcement and other first responders, acts of heroism, leadership and role model behavior, and demonstrated “turn-around” or improved behavior are acknowledged. Highlighting these students and their stories in the media promotes positive recognition for these youth, and shows that good choices are newsworthy. The ceremony and our winners are highlighted in the media, courtesy of program sponsors News 10NBC WHEC-TV and the Democrat and Chronicle. Stories are televised on WHEC, published in the print edition of the Democrat and Chronicle, and highlighted on-line for both outlets as well. Visit their websites at WHEC.com and Democratandchronicle.com for more information.

Any student enrolled in grades Kindergarten - 12 in any school within Monroe County is eligible for nomination. Students may be nominated for incidents that have occurred within one year of the nomination, and the act must have occurred within Monroe County. Anyone over 18 years old can nominate a student - this includes first responders, teachers, coaches, family, friends, and neighbors. Nominations are accepted throughout the entire year, and are reviewed by a committee that selects students to receive the Do the Right Thing Award. The committee is comprised of members of our community and representatives from our sponsor organizations.

Selected students are celebrated at a ceremony which is held at the City Public Safety Building. Typically four ceremonies are held each school year, with approximately ten students recognized at each ceremony. Do the Right Thing Award winners receive several rewards and prizes donated by program sponsors, and winners may also apply for a scholarship when they are high school seniors. Normally, students selected as winners must attend an award ceremony in order to officially be considered a Do the Right Thing Award Winner, however due to the restrictions in place due to the pandemic, and in order to keep everyone safe, several students this year were recognized virtually.

Since the program began, we have recognized over 4,000 nominees, awarded over 1,100 winners, and contributed approximately \$30,000 towards scholarships for our winners. All students that are nominated will receive a letter of recognition for their act, even if they are not chosen as a winner.

2019-2020 Ceremonies

In total, we recognized 39 students in 4 ceremonies during the 2019-2020 school year. This included 34 incidents that involved times of bravery and courageousness while helping family or first responders during serious incidents such as medical emergencies, standing up to bullies, or addressing other negative or harmful behavior; acts of kindness, thoughtfulness, generosity, and volunteerism; as well as role model behavior, including instances of turn-around behavior. Some of these acts benefitted not only peers, friends, and family, but charitable organizations in our area, including the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester and Willow Domestic Violence Center. Many of these acts would be remarkable if adults had done them, so it's even more phenomenal when you read these stories and see how young some of our winners are!

We were lucky to have three award ceremonies this year before COVID-19 affected our area.

The October 2019 ceremony was held during Fire Prevention Week. Several members from the Rochester Fire Department joined us to share some important fire safety tips and hand out helmets to everyone.

We had so much fun at the December 2019 ceremony, with surprise visits from K9 Dexter, McGruff the Crime Dog, and Santa. Officer Denny Wright also joined us to help recognize our winners, especially Bailey Clark, who is one of his biggest supporters!

Several Rochester RazorSharks players joined us at the February 2020 ceremony to deliver some motivational speeches and help recognize those winners.

Each of these three ceremonies were well attended by not only family and friends of the winners, but by many local dignitaries that support the program and winners. This included members from local government, law enforcement and other first responder agencies, as well as staff and administrators from the Emergency Communications Department, many local school districts, several of our sponsor organizations, and other local businesses.

Unfortunately, like so many others, our program was affected by the Coronavirus pandemic as well. The ceremonies we had scheduled for April 2 and May 28 were cancelled, but with some perseverance, we found a way to adapt during these unprecedented times by finding a new and creative way to recognize our winners. On June 4 we hosted our first ever virtual award ceremony, which was broadcast live via Facebook! Only a limited amount of staff were present at the ceremony, where we virtually awarded the 15 students from April and May. Family and friends were invited to watch the ceremony from remote locations as it took place on our Facebook page, and then afterwards, members from area law enforcement agencies delivered

prize packages to each winner. Visit our [Facebook page](#) to view the ceremony and see photos of our winners as they accepted their prize packages.

Program Sponsors and Executive Board

We gained six new sponsors this program year. We welcomed the Rochester Police Foundation, the Rochester Knighthawks, and Lyons National Bank in October; Bill Gray's Regional Iceplex and Target in December; and the Rochester RazorSharks in February. Thanks to the generosity of these and all of our sponsors, each winner was awarded an impressive prize package.

The Rochester Police Foundation kindly donated a new photo backdrop, which we used at each of our award ceremonies this year. We now have a professional-looking background which displays our program logo, which you may have noticed in many of the photographs that were taken at the award ceremonies this year.

Lyons National Bank partnered with News 10NBC WHEC-TV to help fund their #BeNicer Campaign t-shirts. Combatting cyberbullying was the purpose of the #BeNicer Campaign, and proceeds from the t-shirt sale were donated to the Do the Right Thing Program. Representatives from Lyons National Bank joined us at our October ceremony and presented a check to the Do the Right Thing Program in the amount of \$4,919.00. We greatly appreciate this very generous donation, and plan to put this contribution towards future scholarships that will be awarded to some of our past winners.

Unfortunately in November, Executive Board President Pat Taney stepped down from his post. He had served on the Board since 2014. We were sad to see him leave, as he brought so many positive contributions to the program. At that time we welcomed new Board Member Brennan Somers. Brennan also works as a news anchor at News 10 NBC, and was able to attend and help MC our last two ceremonies. With Pat Taney leaving his post, the position of Executive Board President became vacant, and remained so throughout the rest of the school year. Elections for Executive Board Officers were held in July, and we are excited to announce our new Executive Board Officers! Congratulations to new President James McCauley, and new Vice President Joan Roby-Davison! Thank you to Joy Claboine for your past service as Vice President, and we regret that she will be stepping down from the Executive Board. Treasurer Suzanne Warren and Secretary Laurie Kingsley-Henry were re-elected to their same positions. We have also welcomed two additional directors to the Executive Board - Carlos Cotto, Jr. and James Sheppard, both from the Rochester City School District. And while Nydia Padilla-Rodriguez retired from the Rochester City School District this past June, she will remain a director on of our Executive Board as well.

We are always looking for more people to volunteer to serve on our Executive Board. If you are energetic, and have ideas, time and resources to help our program grow so that we can recognize even more students, and are interested in working with our team, please reach out to any of our staff or board members to apply! For more information about our program and to view a copy of our by-laws, please visit our website at www.cityofrochester.gov/DoTheRightThing.

25th Anniversary

The 2020-2021 school year will be celebrating 25 years of Do the Right Thing in Rochester! We had originally planned on hosting a ceremony to celebrate this accomplishment in September of 2020, however the difficult decision was made to postpone this event given the uncertainty that COVID-19 has brought. We still plan to have an event at some point later in the 2020-2021 school year so that we can recognize the many supporters of our program from throughout the years, including past winners, staff, and sponsors, and will share the new plans with everyone once a decision has been made.

Social Media and Newsletter

This year we continued sharing information and news with all of our supporters in a variety of ways. We've made quite an effort to consistently post to our [Facebook](#) and https://www.instagram.com/dtrt_rochester/ pages, and have continued to send out our quarterly newsletter since our first issue was published in the Winter of 2019. If you missed any, make sure to visit our [website](#) where we have posted each issue! Each issue is full of fun information about our program!

Additionally, our website contains quite a bit of useful information about the program, including copies of each Annual Report since 2006.

We look forward to helping this program continue to grow, and recognizing even more students!

For more information about the Do the Right Thing Award program, or to nominate a student, please visit our website. Also, make sure to follow us on social media, and comment and share our posts! You can find all of our contact information in the box below.

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Dear Do The Right Thing, Sponsors and Supporters,

On behalf of Do The Right Thing of Rochester, Inc., and the Rochester Police Department, I would like to commend you on the accomplishments of the 2019-2020 program year, which I think we can all agree has been challenging at best. Even with the difficulties we've all faced this year, the Do The Right Thing program continues to highlight the best parts of our community-our youth who are doing the right thing!

Over the last year I've had the honor of meeting some of our award recipients and the truth is, it's been a bright spot for me in what can only be classified as a tough year for all of us. The individual award recipients have shown courage, heroism, honesty, kindness, and leadership; who without a doubt give us all a sense of hope that our future is in fact bright.

Aside from our youth recipients I'd like to thank the parents, teachers, mentors, officers, caregivers, and other members of the community who took the time to nominate our deserving award recipients. Oftentimes we overlook the excellent work and acts of kindness members of our community routinely do and in particular, our youth.

I have to take a moment to thank all of our wonderful sponsors, without your never-ending support our program would not have the success we currently enjoy. Even in the most difficult of times you always come through for our program and our community's youth.

As Deputy Chief of the Rochester Police Department, I officially congratulate all of you on a job well done. I look forward to the upcoming year and continued success!

Sincerely,

Mark S. Mura

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark S. Mura'.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS



2019-2020 Program Year

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President: **VACANT**

Vice President: **Joy Claboine** (The Gregory Jefferson Memorial Scholarship Fund)

Treasurer: **Suzanne Warren** (City of Rochester)

Secretary and Program Coordinator: **Laurie Kingsley-Henry** (City of Rochester)

Program Director: **Sergeant Jose Vargas** (Rochester Police Department)

Program Assistant: **Lisa Hayes** (City of Rochester)

**Elections were held in July 2020, and a new President and Vice President were elected at that time.*

New President (2020-2021): James McCauley (*Camp Good Days and Special Times*)

New Vice President (2020-2021): Joan Roby-Davison (*City of Rochester*)

LaShay Harris (American Medical Response)

Glen Jeter (McDonalds, Upper Falls Boulevard)

Nydia Padilla-Rodriguez (Rochester City School District)

John Picone (City of Rochester)

Brandon Smith (Memorial Art Gallery)

Brennan Somers (News 10NBC WHEC-TV)

Grace Tillinghast (The Battery)

**Joining the Executive Board in July 2020 were the following:*

Carlos Cotto, Jr. (Rochester City School District)

James Sheppard (Rochester City School District)



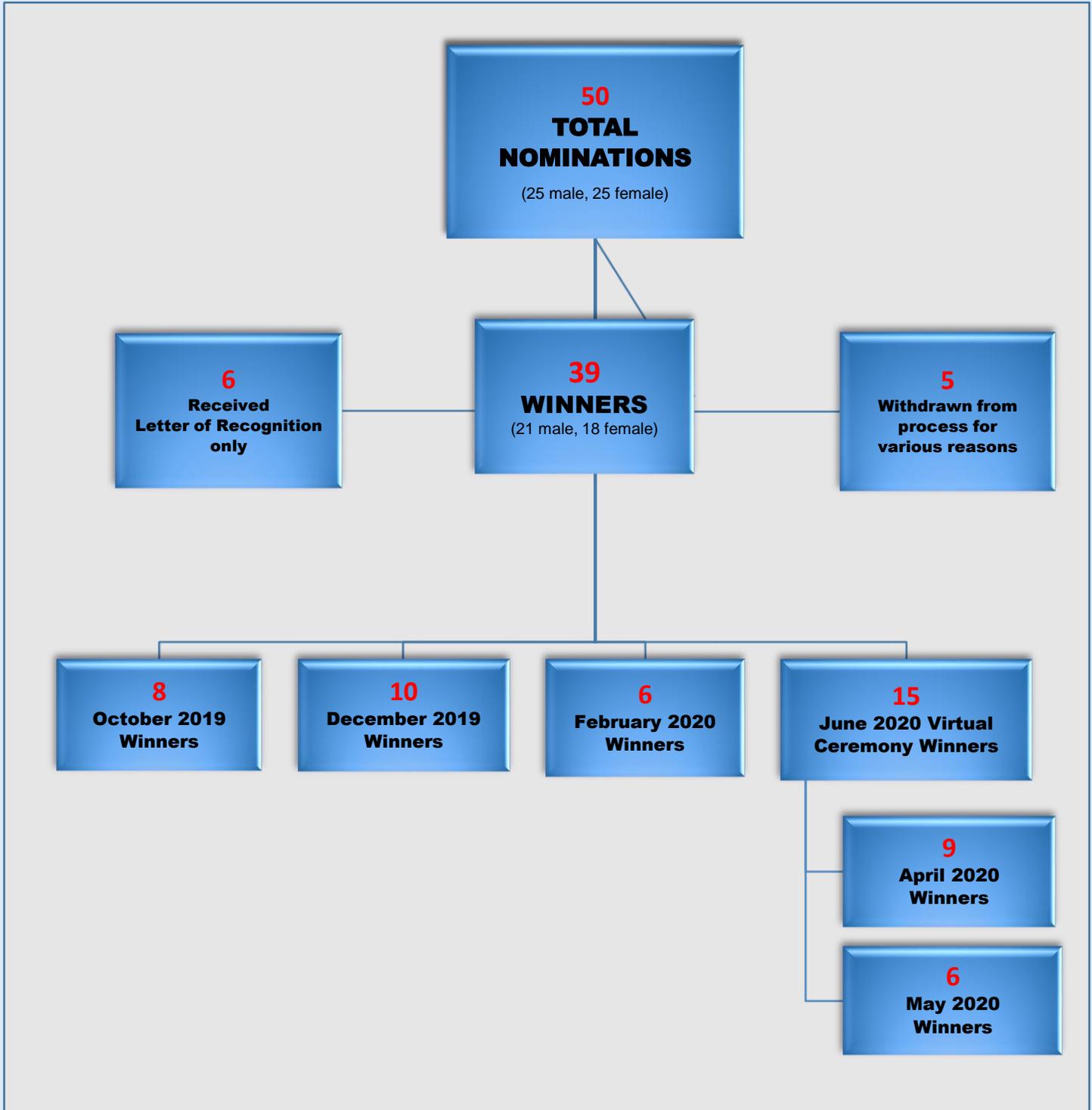
PROGRAM SPONSORS

American Medical Response
Ames-Amzalak Memorial Trust
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Camp Good Days and Special Times
City of Rochester
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The Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation
The Democrat and Chronicle
Dynamic Recording Studio
The Gregory Jefferson Memorial
Scholarship Fund
Lyons National Bank
McDonalds, Upper Falls Boulevard
Memorial Art Gallery
News 10NBC WHEC-TV
NYRA Trophies & Awards

Pirate Toy Fund
Rochester Americans
Rochester City School District
Rochester Knighthawks
Rochester Museum and Science Center
Rochester Police Department
Rochester Police Foundation
Rochester RazorSharks
Rochester Red Wings
Salvatore's Old Fashioned Pizzeria
Seabreeze Amusement Park
Seneca Park Zoo
Sky Zone Trampoline Park
Target
TOPS Friendly Markets
Wildlife Educators Coalition



PROGRAM STATISTICS



NOMINATIONS BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School District	Nominations	Winners
BOCES	1	0
Charter School	2	1
Homeschool	2	2
Private School	3	3
Brighton CSD	1	1
Brockport CSD	1	0
Churchville-Chili CSD	1	1
East Irondequoit CSD	1	1
Fairport CSD	1	1
Gates-Chili CSD	1	1
Greece CSD	3	2
Pittsford CSD	1	1
Rochester City School District	27	21
Spencerport CSD	1	1
West Irondequoit CSD	3	3
Unknown	1	0
TOTAL	50	39

NOMINATIONS BY GRADE

Grade Level	Nominations	Winners
Pre-K*	1	1
Kindergarten	0	0
1	3	3
2	5	5
3	2	2
4	4	4
5	6	4
6	7	3
7	6	6
8	3	3
9	4	2
10	1	0
11	2	2
12	3	2
Graduated*	2	2
Unknown	1	0
TOTAL	50	39

*Program rules dictate any student enrolled in grades Kindergarten - 12 in any school within Monroe County is eligible for nomination, however:

- Two students were nominated when they were high school seniors, but the selection process was not completed until after they graduated high school.
- Additionally, an exception was made this year for a student that was in Pre-K, as that child and their older sibling were both nominated for the same incident which was selected by the nomination committee.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Do The Right Thing of Rochester Inc.				
Balance Sheet as of 7/31/2020				
	Jul 31, 20	Jul 31, 19	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Total Checking - Discretionary	7,621.98	3,602.18	4,019.80	111.59%
Total Checking - Non-Discretionary	1,024.28	0.00	1,024.28	100.0%
TOTAL ASSETS	8,646.26	3,602.18	5,044.08	140.03%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
Opening Bal Equity	581.74	581.74	0.00	0.0%
Unrestricted Net Assets	3,020.44	1,912.66	1,107.78	57.92%
Net Income	5,044.08	1,107.78	3,936.30	355.33%
Total Equity	8,646.26	3,602.18	5,044.08	140.03%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$8,646.26	\$3,602.18	\$5,044.08	140.03%

Do The Right Thing of Rochester Inc.	
Revenue & Expense Year Ending 7/31/2020	
	Aug '19 - Jul 20
Income	
Foundation and Trust Grants	
Daisy Marquis Jones	5,000.00
Individ, Business Contributions	4,917.72
Total Income	9,917.72
Expense	
Scholarships	2,000.00
Ceremonies	1,262.69
Miscellaneous Expense	1,110.95
Seabreeze (deposit for 2021)	500.00
Total Expense	4,873.64
Net Income	\$5,044.08

2019-2020 AWARD WINNERS

It isn't always easy for children these days to do the right thing. Standing up against bullies, acting courageously during a traumatic event, or acting unselfishly and putting the needs of others before their own, are things that can be difficult for anyone at any age. But there are many Monroe County youth that choose to go above and beyond, and we were privileged to recognize 39 of them and their commendable actions at four award ceremonies throughout the 2019-2020 school year. Listed below are each of their incredible stories.

October 2019 Ceremony Winners

★ **Karlie Kennedy**

2nd Grade

Holy Cross School

Karlie was nominated by Principal Martell after learning of an incident that Karlie was involved in this past June. Karlie's mother sent Principal Martell an email advising her that there had been an emergency situation at their apartment complex pool that weekend. A woman had a medical issue and fell into the pool. Karlie immediately grabbed the phone and gave it to her grandmother so she could call 911. Karlie was level headed and quick to react under a very stressful situation. In the email, Karlie's mother praised the school for teaching her daughter to stay calm in these types of situations, as Karlie had stated when the incident was over that she was able to remain so level and calm from what she learned at school. However Principal Martell believes all credit should be given to Karlie for her great courageousness and quick thinking.



★ **Sloane Miller**

6th Grade

Churchville Chili Middle School

Sloane was nominated by her stepmother, whom Sloane confided to this past winter that she was upset because she felt that she looked different from her friends, and that another student had been teasing her. Sloane decided she wanted to make some changes, and that she wanted to be more active and live a healthier life style. Together they devised a plan that once spring came around, they would train to do their first 5k race with each other. Once spring arrived, Sloane and her stepmom began a 'couch to 5k' training program, and worked towards the goal of participating in the Pink Ribbon Walk & Run Race, sponsored by the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester, which was scheduled for May 12th. Coincidentally, this date is not only her father's birthday, but was also Mother's Day. Sloane lost her own mother to



Breast Cancer in March 2015. Sloane created a team, Sloane's Squad, and asked family and friends to join them or support her in raising money in memory of her mother. Sloane was named one of two Youth Ambassadors for the Pink Ribbon Walk & Run. She not only completed the race with an impressive time of 36:14, but she was also one of the top individual and top team fundraisers of the event, raising almost \$6000, which will be used towards cancer research in our area. And to think, this all stemmed from taking charge, making a decision, setting a goal and standing up against bullying.



Santii Patel

2nd Grade

English Village Elementary

Santii was nominated twice, by both her mother and a friend of the family, Lori Griswold. Both women wanted to recognize Santii for her kindness and generosity. She is always thinking of everyone else, and on several different occasions used her own money to benefit others. For her 6th birthday Santii asked for presents that she could donate to children in the hospital instead of toys for herself, and was able to deliver them to Friends of Strong. On another occasion, she was allowed to save the recyclable cans at home, and told she could keep all of the money from them for her trip to the water park. Instead, she decided to donate them to a can drive that the Greece Police Department held to support an officer that is battling cancer. She saved her piggy bank money to buy baskets full of treats for the Greece Police Department, Rochester Police Department, and Barnard Fire Department. She brought them hot chocolate and coffee mugs this past winter to help them stay warm, and during a heat wave this past summer she bought them popsicles. She also did a fundraiser to collect money for kids with heart disease and other heart issues. It's not often that you see such a young girl act so selflessly, and we'd like her to know that her kind acts are appreciated!



Sayelee Rivera Ocasio

1st Grade

Pinnacle School #35

Sayelee was nominated by her kindergarten teacher, Ms. Rice. During a field trip last year to the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Sayelee noticed in the middle of the concert that a classmate was having trouble breathing. She asked him if he was ok and he shook his head no. Remaining calm, she alerted Ms. Rice, who was able to provide the student with his asthma medication. Everyone was able to stay and enjoy the rest of the concert, as Sayelee's quick reaction prevented the incident from becoming much more serious. After receiving treatment, Sayelee continued to keep an eye on him throughout the remainder of the concert. Sayelee showed responsibility, calm, and wisdom beyond her years, and is to be commended for keeping a level head and seeking help for her friend.





Marlon Scott

2nd Grade

Nathaniel Rochester Community School #3

911 Telecommunicator Rhandi Logan nominated Marlon for his ability to remain calm during a stressful situation. Shortly after midnight on a Thursday March night, six year old Marlon called 911 requesting an ambulance for his mother who was having a medical emergency and unable to communicate. Marlon was very articulate, providing helpful information to the telecommunicator, and at the same time talking to his mother, reassuring her that help was on the way. While Marlon was on the phone an adult male came to the location and explained that Marlon's mother had a medical condition that required an ambulance immediately, and Marlon explained that help was already on the way. Marlon's level head during a difficult time expedited help for his mother when she was unable to request it herself.



Jeritza Suriel

7th Grade

Enrico Fermi School #17

One afternoon this past March, 911 Telecommunicator Craig Warshawsky answered a 911 call from Jaritza asking for an ambulance for her mother. Jaritza was very calm and able to provide all of the necessary information, all while translating everything from English to Spanish and vice versa. She understood that when the paramedics arrived that she would have to do the same with them as well. Telecommunicator Warshawsky nominated Jaritza, as he was very impressed with her ability to remain calm and follow instructions during a very stressful situation.



Skyeler Thompson

7th Grade

Greece Arcadia Middle School

Last year, while in 6th grade, Skyeler saw a student at school asking other students to vape, and observed something in his hand. Concerned for the other students, she told a teacher about what she saw. School staff identified the student in question, located the vape, and addressed the situation. Skyeler was commended and received a positive referral at school for "see something, say something," being brave enough to come forward, and for protecting herself and other students. A friend of the family, Rochester Police Department Investigator Tomesha Angelo, nominated Skyeler after she learned about this incident.





London was nominated by Assistant Principal Kathryn Yarlett-Fenti. Last April when London was in 3rd grade, London was at lunch when she noticed that a classmate was choking. While others yelled to get the lunch monitor's attention, London immediately performed the Heimlich Maneuver and was able to dislodge the food. Her quick actions saved the life of a friend, and she is a hero in the eyes of everyone at John James Audubon School #33!



December 2019 Ceremony

★	Liam Adanti	2nd Grade	Brookview School, West Irondequoit CSD
★	Zachary Adanti	4th Grade	Rogers Middle School, West Irondequoit CSD

Liam and Zachary are brothers, and were nominated by their grandmother, Teresa O'Hare, for their ability to remain calm and brave, working as a team, during a scary situation. This past August, Ms. O'Hare fell in the driveway of her home while taking her dog outside. While on a leash, the dog began to chase another animal, causing Ms. O'Hare to fall backwards, striking her head on the pavement. Liam and Zachary were in the house at the time, preparing to go to summer camp for the day. Unable to get up as her leg was also injured during the fall, Ms. O'Hare called out to both boys. Zachary came out first, and immediately ran back in the house to get Liam and a phone. Although Zachary wanted to call 911, Ms. O'Hare told him not to until she could assess her injuries. Instead, Zachary went back into the house and called his mother, who is Ms. O'Hare's daughter, and told her what had happened, and that their grandmother was still laying in the driveway. While this was occurring, Liam was able to retrieve the dog, bring it back in the house, and secure it in its crate. After getting the call from Zachary, their mother called for help. Both boys stayed outside with their grandmother until help arrived. It turns out Ms. O'Hare had severely broken her ankle. Had the boys not been there to help, who knows how long she would have lay there, as the area of the driveway where she fell is not visible from the street, and the neighbors on both sides had already left for work. Both boys were very brave during this entire situation.



★	Dominic Brunet	5th Grade	Theodore Roosevelt School #43, RCSD
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Dominic was nominated by his 4th grade teacher, Ms. Smeaton, who was very impressed by the turn-around behavior Dominic exhibited throughout the past school year, making great improvements both behaviorally and academically. Before the start of 4th grade, Ms. Smeaton was informed that Dominic had moved to their district halfway through the previous year, and was observed to have some behavioral problems stemming from being unable to express his frustration in an appropriate way, as well as a lack of respect for authority. At the beginning of the 4th grade it looked as though this pattern would repeat itself. However, with time, consistency, and support, Dominic has become a role model to other students, and a joy to have in the classroom. Previously, Dominic would give up when challenged. Now, he perseveres through difficult tasks, and his self-esteem has greatly improved because he has learned to believe in himself. He processes through his emotions when he's upset, utilizes self-soothing techniques, and can identify why he should not act impulsively. He is a positive role model to his peers, and mentors other students that are having a difficult time, providing encouraging words to help change their behavior when needed. He continues to do well this school year, and was even chosen to participate in the City School District's 24 math challenge!





Nathan Carter

12th Grade

Bishop Kearney High School

Nathan was nominated by his school counselor, Ms. Berger, for his overall role model behavior. Bishop Kearney's school motto is 'Do All Things Well'. Nathan follows this in all aspects of his life, working hard both on and off the football field. Academically, he is a very bright young man, and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is a star football player at Bishop Kearney, participating in extra practices even when not required. He is dedicated to his sport, but also understands how important his schooling is. Not only is Nathan a great student and athlete, he is also a caring person. He serves the community through community service both in and out of school, volunteering at the Open Door Mission, and has participated in mission work in Haiti. He also works as a tour guide at the school for prospective parents and students. This past year he has gone above and beyond, taking the initiative to pursue graduating high school early by taking multiple classes this past summer, all while attending a variety of football camps. He will graduate this January, at which time he will start college at Connecticut University where he will be studying Athletics. Nathan is a well-rounded young man, and everyone at Bishop Kearney is grateful and proud to have him as part of their community!



Lauren Chapell

12th Grade

Fairport High School

Lauren was nominated by her aunt, Catherine Carbonell, because she is so proud of Lauren's thoughtfulness and giving spirit. In December 2017, Lauren read about socks being the most requested item for homeless people and decided she wanted to do something about it. She quickly put a plan into action and started what she called "Socks for Souls". She decided to host a Christmas party for her friends, and asked each of them to bring socks which she would donate to those in need. Thrilled with how many pairs she received, she then had the idea to ask everyone she knew who was hosting Christmas parties to ask all of their guests to bring socks as well, which she would collect afterwards and make arrangements to donate. Since then, every Christmas Eve, Lauren and her mother have delivered over 500 pairs of socks to the House of Mercy Homeless Shelter. Additionally, each year Lauren collects thousands of items of clothes and shoes that are redistributed to Rochester's neediest families. She contacts all of the schools in Fairport, as well as the bus garage, multiple times a year and collects all of the lost and found clothing items, washes them, then distributes them to various places such as Angels of Mercy, a non-profit organization that helps women and children in need of clothes. As she will be graduating this June, she is already looking for someone to continue her work with the schools when she is gone, as she is determined to see that the families of Rochester continue to receive these much needed items for years to come. Lauren is currently a Brighton Police Explorer, and hopes to pursue a career in law enforcement.





Bailey Clark

3rd Grade

Laurelton-Pardee School, East Irondequoit CSD

Bailey was nominated by her grandmother, Sherry Griffio, for her selflessness. This past June, Bailey was a participant in the Irondequoit Police Department's Bike Rodeo. DreamBikes was at the bike rodeo, checking the fit, brakes, handlebars, and helmets for the children. The program director for DreamBikes was at the event and explained to everyone in attendance about their organization. DreamBikes is a non-profit organization that strategically places used bicycle stores in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods to provide hands-on, paid job training to teens, and is a full-service, nonprofit bike store that accepts gently used bicycles, parts, and accessories. The trained DreamBikes teen employees refurbish and re-sell bicycles back into the community at affordable prices. At the bike rodeo, a bike raffle was held for a new bike from Target. Bailey put her name in to win the bike, but before the winner was selected, Bailey stated that if she won, she would donate the bike to DreamBikes to help a child that did not have a bike. Bailey later learned that she had in fact won the bike! She was so excited that she won, and was able to donate a brand new bike to help another child. Bailey is also a big supporter of the police, and has wanted to be a police officer since she was five years old! She collects autographs of police officers whenever she sees one, and has a Police Memory Book where she keeps cards, signatures, and pictures that she has obtained throughout the years.



Zechariah Harris-Scott

11th Grade

East High School, RCSD

Zechariah was nominated by Rochester Police Department School Resource Officer Jose Munoz, who recognized Zechariah's actions which occurred after a basketball game at East High School in January 2019. After the basketball game, Zechariah observed a Monroe High School student being assaulted by some cheerleaders in the hallway near the gym. Zechariah took the initiative to assist the victim from being assaulted further, and kept the victim separated and safe until she was picked up by her parents. His actions prevented an escalation of the incident, and is an example of why he is considered a leader and role model within East High School.



CJ Leonardo

Graduated from Gates Chili High School in 2019

CJ was nominated by his mother, Holly Leonardo, who was proud of him for how he handled a situation this past May. At the time, CJ was working as a camp counselor in the after school SAFE program for elementary students at Paul Road School. As he was leaving the school at the end of his shift, he accidentally backed his vehicle into another vehicle in the parking lot. Even though he did not have much time (the accident happened at 6:15 pm, and he was supposed to be at the High School Awards Ceremony at 7pm), CJ parked his car, went back into the school and found the owner of the vehicle he struck. Although the damage was minor, CJ showed that true character is recognized when doing the right thing even when others are not looking. He was able to find the owner of the vehicle, who is an employee at the school, and exchanged information with her. CJ had been working two part-time jobs in order to save for college, and used \$1200 of this money to pay for the repairs in person at the collision shop less than 24 hours after the accident occurred. CJ did not hesitate to do the right thing, all while displaying the Spartan values of Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, and Hard Work. CJ graduated this past June, and currently attends college at St. John Fisher.





LaMonte Neal

5th Grade

Nathaniel Hawthorne School #25, RCSD

LaMonte was nominated by his teacher, Ms. Sperry, for his bravery and compassion by recognizing a bullying situation and taking action to help end it. LaMonte arrived at school one day this past April visibly upset. Ms. Sperry called him over and asked what was wrong. He told her that there was a problem on the bus, and proceeded to tell her that there were two students who were being mean to a family of children. The two students kept making remarks about the family's physical appearance and calling them names. LaMonte said he told them to stop. He was very bothered by it but didn't want any other action taken at that time, however later in the day LaMonte asked to talk to Ms. Sperry again, and told Ms. Sperry that he kept thinking about what had happened on the bus, and that it was bullying. He explained that the two students make fun of this family every day, even making comments and picking on the little sister who is only in kindergarten. Lamont agreed to make the vice principal aware of the situation, and it was appropriately addressed. LaMonte, who was in 4th grade at the time, recognized a true bullying situation and told an adult to end it. It is often difficult for 4th graders to stand up to others and report situations to adults, however LaMonte did both those of things, making everyone at School #25 proud!



Stephen Passero

Homeschooled

Graduated in 2019

Stephen was nominated by the supervisor of the Arnett Branch of the Rochester Public Library, Bruce Tehan, for his great attitude, strong work ethic, and commitment to service. Last January, Stephen approached Mr. Tehan and asked if he could volunteer at the Arnett Library. Stephen is a volunteer in the truest sense of the word, as community service requirements are not a part of his schooling. Stephen volunteers two hours a week at the library, and his work has been of the highest quality. He has been entrusted with a wide variety of duties, and has executed these duties superbly. Stephens's tasks have included many shifts of searching for and pulling different items from the library's collection for projects being performed by the Arnett librarians. Stephen has demonstrated good knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System, attention to detail, and ability to cheerfully stick with a tedious job while performing these tasks. He has also used his ability to locate library items, his remarkable computer skills, and his artistic eye to create displays for the library that have generated interest in these materials by patrons of the library, and his computer skills have enabled him to create better signage for the library. He has also helped in the children's room, playing games that have left both kids and grown-ups with lots of smiles. Stephen is a polite, smart, and hardworking young man who has been donating his time and efforts in an exemplary manner, and has done this for no other reason than to serve his community and neighbors.





February 2020 Ceremony



Sarah Adams

8th Grade

East High School, RCSD

Sarah was nominated by her Physical Education teacher, Ms. Munoz, for her leadership qualities and consistent positive interactions that she displays on a daily basis at school. She always seems to know what to do when help is needed, and routinely assists in the classroom by helping organize the class, and letting her peers know when it's time to settle down. She uses her lunch period to help a younger student learn a step routine, and is an advocate for social justice and a peer mediator. In the past, she has been a presenter at various grade level assemblies that deal with information about bullying, and has assisted at various school wide events as well. This type of commitment and behavior is not often seen, and East High School is honored to have Sarah serve as such an impressive role model to her peers.



Anastajia Charley

6th Grade

Rise Community School #106, RCSD

Anastajia was nominated by Lemuel Rogers III, an employee at the Genesee Valley Sports Complex which is located at 131 Elmwood Avenue in the City of Rochester. Mr. Rogers was proud of Anastajia for safely seeking help during a difficult situation through the City's "Safe Place" service. Safe Places are locations within the City of Rochester that are designated as safe havens for our youth. Back in September, Anastajia went to the location and appeared upset. She approached Mr. Rogers and asked if the location was a Safe Place. He confirmed it was, and asked if he could help her. Anastajia explained that a group of girls from school had been picking on her, to the point that she did not want to return to school. Mr. Rogers was able to assist by facilitating communication with the school about Anastajia's issues, which were immediately addressed. Anastajia's actions on this day helped safely resolve what was a very distressing situation for herself. Since this incident she has blossomed at her new school!





Brennan Conn

8th Grade

Cosgrove Middle School, Spencerport CSD

Brennan was nominated by Lt. Long of the Gates Police Department for the invaluable assistance he provided during one of their criminal investigations. Brennan was with his mother when they observed some suspicious behavior which Brennan began recording with his cellphone. Once the police arrived, without hesitation, Brennan assisted the responding officers by providing his phone with the video which contained crucial information for their investigation. It should be noted that Brennan was recording the incident not because he wanted to share the incident on social media, but rather as a way to help the police.



Nathaniel Irvin

3rd Grade

Roberto Clemente School #8, RCSD

Nathaniel attends the YMCA's After School Program at School #8. He was nominated by Leverett Copeland, who has a child that also attends the After School Program. This past November, Mr. Copeland was picking up his child when he observed the following. Nathaniel had found a gold chain that belonged to another student that attends the program, but had already been picked up. Nathaniel notified the counselor what he found, and was very concerned that its owner would miss the chain. Nathaniel was adamant that the counselor take the chain and ensure that it be returned. Mr. Copeland was very impressed with Nathaniel's decision to do the right thing in this situation.



Serenity Mingle

7th Grade

Mary McCleod Bethune School #45, RCSD

Serenity was nominated by Ms. McGill, the school Social Worker, for her ability to take quick action during an emergency situation. This past December, Serenity was the first to notice that a classmate was having a seizure. Serenity immediately called 911 and the school nurse, remaining calm throughout the entire incident. Because of her quick actions, her classmate received the necessary medical attention in record time. Serenity is a leader and a hero to her friends at School #45.





Jason Ramos

1st Grade

Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts

Jason was nominated at the end of last school year by his kindergarten teacher, Dr. Thurley, from Abelard Reynolds School #42. Dr. Thurley was impressed by Jason's responsible role model behavior at such a young age. Jason was very helpful in the classroom, reminding his classmates of what behavior was appropriate, and always insisting on keeping the school and grounds clean. Every day when the class would walk to the cafeteria or special classes, Jason would pick up garbage off the floor or on the playground. This is something Jason did the entire school year without ever being told. Jason transferred to a different school in Greece this year, and his new teachers also agree that he is a role model to his peers, pointing out Jason's empathetic behavior, noting he is especially good at knowing when someone is sad in the classroom, and will stop what he is doing to give them a hug. He is also quick to include students who are not playing with anyone at recess.



June 2020 Virtual Ceremony

April 2020 Ceremony Winners



James Fernandez Reyes 7th Grade

Henry Hudson School #28, RCSD



Jesnialis Fernandez Reyes 7th Grade

Henry Hudson School #28, RCSD

James and Jesnialis are siblings, and were nominated by Ms. Carmen Torres, a parent liaison at their school, for their ability to handle a dangerous situation quickly, bravely, and courageously. Back in November, James and Jesnialis were riding their school bus to school one morning when they observed two students sitting in front of them engaging in potentially harmful behavior. James and Jesnialis remained calm while they devised a plan to safely intercede. The entire incident was recorded by cameras that are located on the bus. Thanks to these brave and quick thinking siblings, the two students were appropriately addressed by school staff once they arrived at school, and provided the necessary assistance to safely resolve this scary situation.



Viola Fortunato 1st Grade

Briarwood Elementary School, West Irondequoit CSD

Viola was nominated by Douglas Averill, an employee of the Irondequoit Police Department who was so impressed with Viola's kindness and generosity this past holiday season. Back in November, Viola and her mother went to the Irondequoit Police Department to make a donation to the Willow Domestic Violence Center Purple Box Campaign. Willow provides safe housing for victims of domestic violence. The Purple Box Campaign seeks donations for children and women who are forced from their homes around the holidays. Viola explained that the toys were from her birthday party earlier that month, and that she had been given so many gifts that she wanted to donate some to other children. Donating to those in need is Viola's way of being able to 'pay it forward'. Viola has a heart condition, and received a trip to Disney World through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Make-A-Wish has granted hundreds of thousands of life-changing wishes to children battling critical illnesses. Viola is so appreciative of the generosity that was bestowed upon her, that she did not think twice about doing the same for others. We hope that everyone considers spreading kindness the way Viola has!



To learn more about Willow Domestic Violence Center or Make-A-Wish Foundation, please visit the following websites.
<https://wish.org/> <https://willowcenterny.org/>

★ Ariella Santiago

Pre-K

Baden Street Settlement, RCSD

★ Jadiel Santiago

4th Grade

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School #9, RCSD

Ariella and Jadiel were nominated by 911 Telecommunicator Kathleen Burns. On November 24, Ms. Burns received a 911 call from 9 year old Jadiel and his sister Ariella, who was 4 years old at the time. The children were calling from their home to request an ambulance for their mother who was having a medical emergency. Ariella alerted Jadiel of what was happening, and Jadiel placed the call to 911. During this incident, both children remained calm and provided helpful information, knowing exactly what to do in an emergency situation.



★ Yamina Sharif

7th Grade

Northwest Junior High at Douglass, RCSD

Yamina was nominated by her math teacher, Mr. Jason Lengyel, for her role model behavior. During an exam this past October, there was a student who did not have a pencil. This student often came to class unprepared, and usually borrowed a pencil from Mr. Lengyel's emergency stash, however on this day the emergency stash was depleted. Without any prompting, Yamina got up from her seat and brought the student a stack of pencils from her own supply, and then also put some pencils in the emergency stash container. Mr. Lengyel was so impressed with Yamina's generosity and compassion for both her classmate and teacher, and as he spoke to other staff members about this incident, he was told that she exhibits this sort of generosity and compassion daily. She helps tutor other students that are struggling, has frequently helped out with mediation and/or peace circles, contributes positively to the overall climate in the building by helping clean up, and always has a positive attitude. She has a heart of gold, is always part of the solution, always chooses to do the right thing, and the staff at Northwest are so proud of her!



★ Samir Smith

9th Grade

School of the Arts, RCSD

★ Denajia Washington

9th Grade

School of the Arts, RCSD

Samir and Denajia are classmates at School of the Arts, and were nominated by School Resource Officer Nelsy Madrid for their helpful actions that took place this past September. During class, a student began acting disruptive and disrespectful, and was asked to leave the classroom by the teacher. The student did, but then quickly returned and continued to be disruptive. Samir and Denajia observed the student's actions and walked over to assist the teacher. They were able to convince the student to leave the classroom without any further disruption. Their quick thinking led to the situation not escalating any further.





Patrick Triassi

6th Grade

Bishop Kearney High School

Patrick was nominated by school counselor Caitlynn Berger for his positive attitude and role model behavior. Patrick works hard academically to overcome any challenges he faces in the classroom, and is always friendly and supportive of everyone in the Bishop Kearney community, going above and beyond the average middle school student. He is always saying hello to other students, and is very respectful towards teachers and staff. During lunch and classes, he will stay after and help clean up. He is a member of the mentoring system within his school house, and is always reaching out and providing support to make everyone feel included. He has even helped organize his classmates to make sure no one sits alone in the lunchroom, and is always aware when someone may need friend. Patrick is an excellent example of upholding the Bishop Kearney's school motto of 'Do All Things Well'.



May 2020 Ceremony Winners



William Gagnier

11th Grade

Brighton High School

William was nominated by a friend, Leslie Hunter, who shared this impressive story of William's bravery and compassion during a recent scary situation. One evening this past January, William came across an individual who was incoherent and needed help. William remained calm and brought the person to a safe location, where he stayed with the person while offering water, and contacted the individual's parent for help. During this incident, several adults were nearby, yet none offered their assistance. The parent quickly arrived at the location, and William helped carry the individual to the parent's car, then accompanied them to the hospital, providing comfort, conversation and support. William's actions took on a frightening heroic role on this date, and his quick thinking, reassuring demeanor, and knowledge of the individual likely saved that person's life. William's compassion and loyalty continued as he frequently visited the person while they were hospitalized.





Davin Gomulak-Cavicchio

8th Grade

Homeschooled

Davin was nominated by Bruce Tehan, supervisor of the Arnett Branch of the Rochester Public Library, for his outstanding efforts as a volunteer at the location. For the past year Davin has volunteered at the library, performing the task of shelf reading the collection. A tedious but vital task, when done correctly, misplaced and miscataloged items are often found. Knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System is needed to perform this job. Davin has mastered the system, and his work has resulted in countless patrons having access to the books that are important to them. His work has been of the highest caliber, and he has taken on several big projects independently and efficiently as well. Additionally, his recommendations have positively contributed to the children’s book collection. His helpfulness and efficiency is truly appreciated by all at the Arnett Branch Library.



Kaden Harris

4th Grade

Wilson Foundation Academy, RCSD

Kaden was nominated by Ms. DyShawn Wall, a Teaching Assistant at Kaden’s school, for his honesty and integrity. One morning this past January, Kaden and his friends got off the school bus and were on their way to the cafeteria for breakfast when Kaden came across an envelope that contained a large sum of money (almost \$50). Kaden immediately took the envelope to Assistant Principal Ms. Lowan Brown and let her know that someone had lost it. Everyone at Wilson Foundation Academy is so proud of Kaden for his honesty. Instead of keeping the money for himself, Kaden chose to do what was right and give the money to a responsible adult so that it could be returned to its rightful owner.



Elijah Knowlton

5th Grade

Thornell Road Elementary School, Pittsford CSD

Elijah was nominated by his grandmother, Maggie Carter, for his quick actions in helping his grandmother during a very serious medical situation. While Ms. Carter was at Elijah’s house watching Elijah and his sibling, she fell down a flight of stairs and was knocked unconscious. Elijah heard the noise and came to see what had happened. Seeing his grandmother on the floor, he immediately went for help. The neighbors were not home, so he approached the crossing guard at the corner who came back to the house with him to help. When they got there, Ms. Carter was gaining consciousness and heard Elijah calling 911. Ms. Carter told him to cancel the call, however he refused to do so, insisting that she needed to see a doctor. Ms. Carter was transported to the hospital via ambulance, and Elijah remained at the house and contacted another family member to come stay with them until his parents could return home, remaining calm the entire time. And luckily Elijah was so insistent on Ms. Carter receiving medical attention, as she suffered a brain injury from the fall, but received prompt treatment and is doing well. Elijah is truly his grandmother’s lifesaver!





Adrien Martinez

2nd Grade

Virgil I. Grissom School #7, RCSD

Adrien was nominated by his grandmother, Lisa Camacho, for his thoughtfulness and sense of responsibility to his community. On a Sunday in March, Ms. Camacho brought her grandchildren to Maplewood Park. After playing for a little while, Adrien decided he wanted to clean up the park. He asked for a pair of gloves and spent almost an hour cleaning debris off the ground. He said he did this because he wanted others to enjoy a clean area in which to play. Adrien, we appreciate your maturity, selflessness and concern for others!



Nicholas Tate

5th Grade

Wilson Foundation Academy, RCSD

Nicholas was nominated by Ms. DyShawn Wall, a Teaching Assistant at Nicholas's school, for his responsible behavior. On the morning of Tuesday, January 28th, Nicholas woke up late for school. As a result, he missed his school bus. As soon as Nicholas woke up, he got up, got ready for school as he typically does, and proceeded to walk to school, which is over 3 miles away! This behavior proved that Nicholas is committed to being a Wilson Scholar, and everyone at the Wilson Foundation Academy applauds Nicholas for his efforts in making sure that he made it to school on a cold winter morning.



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL OF THE
2019-2020 WINNERS!**



2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Each year, all previous Do the Right Thing Award winners that are currently high school seniors may apply for a scholarship to be applied towards the payment of their college or trade school tuition.

This year we were proud to have awarded two \$1000 college scholarships. The winners were announced on our Facebook page in August.

Lauren Chapell

Lauren graduated from Fairport High School this past June, and is attending the University of Denver, where she will major in Socio-Legal Studies.

Lauren won the Do the Right Thing award when she was a high school senior in December 2019. She was nominated by her aunt for her thoughtfulness and giving spirit.



Christian, 'CJ', Leonardo



CJ graduated from Gates Chili High School in June 2019, and is attending St. John Fisher College, where he majors in Biology Pre-Med.

CJ was also awarded at the December 2019 ceremony. He was nominated in May 2019 by his mother for not hesitating to do the right thing during a stressful situation, and displaying the Spartan values of Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, and Hard Work.

SEABREEZE AMUSEMENT PARK FAMILY CELEBRATION DAY

Our Do the Right Thing Family Celebration Day event at Seabreeze Amusement Park was scheduled to take place on July 17th. All winners from this past school year, along with their family members, were invited to attend, however this event, like so many others this summer, was cancelled. Unfortunately Seabreeze was unable to open for the season due to circumstances caused by the Coronavirus pandemic. This event has always been a popular and fun experience for everyone, so we hope to continue our tradition next summer. If we are able to hold this event next year, we plan on inviting all of the 2019-2020 winners to join us along with the 2020-2021 winners.



DO THE RIGHT THING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

While some events that we planned on attending this year were cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we were still able to participate in several fun activities!



Halloween at the Market

Executive Board Member Joan Roby-Davison had a cold, but fun, time representing the Do the Right Thing Program at the Halloween at the Market event hosted by the City of Rochester Public Market on Sunday, October 27th. Sharing treats, as well as information about our program, it was an enjoyable way to connect with members of the community, as well as dozens of community organizations and agencies.

#BeNicer Campaign

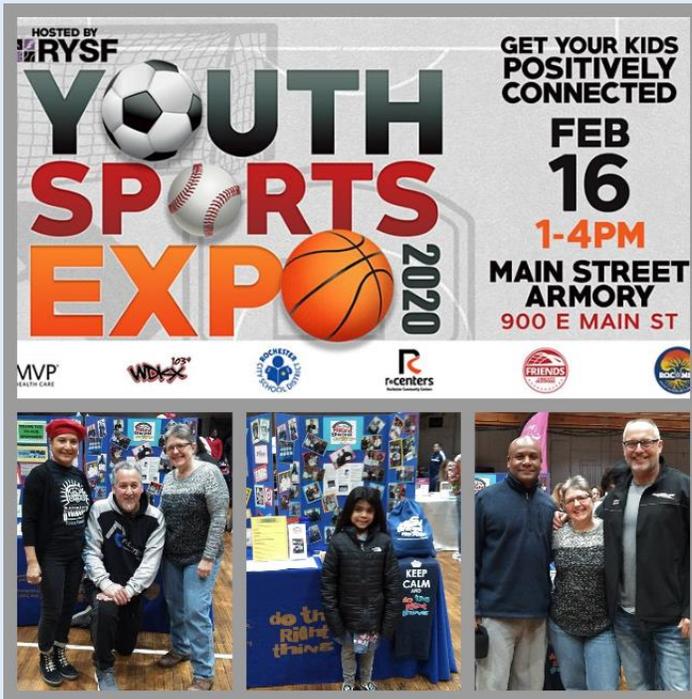
In the Fall of 2019, News10NBC launched a campaign called #BeNicer. The mission - battle cyberbullying and raise awareness about teen suicide. The concept - defend your beliefs, but be nicer when doing so online. The campaign generated much interest and support. Many people posted pictures of themselves on social media wearing a #BeNicer t-shirt or holding a #BeNicer sign.

News10NBC partnered with Lyons National Bank, who sponsored the t-shirts, which were printed by Tiny Fish Printing. Proceeds from this campaign were designated to benefit the Do the Right Thing Program. Representatives from Lyons National Bank joined us at our October ceremony and presented a check to the Do the Thing Program in the amount of \$4,919.00. We plan on putting this contribution towards future scholarships that will be awarded to our winners.

It was so wonderful to see the positivity and unity this campaign created, and we are so appreciative of the generous donation to our program made possible by everyone's collaboration. Many thanks to News 10NBC WHEC-TV, Lyons National Bank, Tiny Fish Printing, and everyone that purchased a t-shirt. Your efforts not only helped combat cyberbullying, but also brought recognition to our program, helping us to further recognize and reward students in our community for their positive role model behavior!



ROCHESTER YOUTH SPORTS EXPO



On February 16th, Laurie attended the Youth Sports Expo event at the Armory to help promote our program. Hosted by the Rochester Youth Sports Foundation, in collaboration with City of Rochester R-Centers and the Rochester City School District, this event provided families and youth an opportunity to become engaged in healthy and safe activities, giving them opportunities to speak with representatives from City youth sports and various active play organizations from the area. Laurie had many visitors at our display, including Executive Board Members Nydia Padilla-Rodriguez and John Picone, as well as Santii Patel, one of our October 2019 winners, and Monroe County Sheriff Todd Baxter.

AMERKS HOMETOWN HEROES GAME

Laurie attended the Amerks Hometown Heroes Game on February 22nd, where she again set up a table to promote our program while cheering on some of our local heroes. Members from the Rochester Police Department played against members from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office in an exhibition hockey game that took place before the Amerks took the ice. The game ended in a 5-5 tie, followed by the Amerks unfortunately losing in overtime to the Cleveland Monsters. Laurie ran into many friends here, including one of our favorite local heroes, Officer Denny Wright, and his biggest fan, Bailey Clark, one of our December 2019 winners!



DO THE RIGHT THING PROGRAM FEEDBACK

I think the program is perfect! especially the pizza.

I feel honored to be recognized!
Thank you for creating this award & all the awesome prizes!

Thank you so much for accepting that call & for showing the world how brave and smart my kiddos are. My hero's

- Mom

Check out our [Facebook](#) posts for so many positive comments about our program and our winners!

THANK YOU

We would like to take a moment to sincerely thank everyone that helped make this program year such a success!

★ **Everyone that took the time to nominate a student**

Without you this program would not exist. Thank you for taking the time to recognize the many youth in our community that deserve to be honored for their role model behavior.

★ **Our Selection Committee**

Thank you for taking the time to thoughtfully read through all of the submitted nominations, provide your feedback, and select our winners.

★ **All of the nominated students**

Whether or not you were selected as a winner, each of you made the conscious decision to go above and beyond by doing the right thing, and we are so proud of each and every one of you! We hope that you continue to be wonderful role models, and we look forward to hearing more inspiring stories about you in the future!

★ **Everyone that attended our award ceremonies or watched our virtual ceremony**

We appreciate the support shown to both our winners and our program from all who attended this year's ceremonies, and especially to those that watched our first ever virtual ceremony. From family and friends, to government officials and sponsor representatives, we were overwhelmed by the amount of people that attended all three ceremonies, and absolutely astounded by the amount of people that watched our virtual ceremony via Facebook Live on June 4th! We cannot thank you enough for taking time to join us and show your support!

★ **Our Executive Board Members**

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend our ceremonies and board meetings. Your support and input for our program is invaluable, and we love the teamwork you've displayed.

★ **Our Program Sponsors**

Whether you just became a sponsor this year, were a past sponsor, or have continued to support our program from the beginning, your generous donations and contributions help sustain the program,

and our winners and their families have greatly enjoyed the gifts they have received. Prizes, ceremonies, scholarships, and more would not be possible without the generous contributions from our sponsors. Thank you!

★ **Staff from the Rochester Police Department and Other Law Enforcement Agencies**

- *To the office staff from the RPD Police Chief's Office for your assistance during each ceremony. Your help makes each ceremony run smoothly and efficiently, and we could not do it without you!*
- *To Sergeant Justin Collins for your help recording the virtual ceremony during our Facebook Live event.*
- *To the Mounted Unit, for proudly standing guard outside of the Public Safety Building during the award ceremonies to brighten our winners' day even more.*
- *To the many School Resource Officers throughout the years that have attended the ceremonies to support the program and escort winners, and for your assistance delivering prize packages to the winners from our recent virtual ceremony. Your presence will be greatly missed in future ceremonies.*
- *And to the other area police agencies that helped deliver prize packages and take pictures after our virtual ceremony, and share information on their social media pages.*

★ **The Rochester Police Department Technician Unit and Photo Lab**

Thank you for providing a photographer at each ceremony. Your technicians helped capture the joy of each event, and because of this, we have been able to share the many happy memories with all of our winners, their families, and our supporters. Most of the photographs displayed throughout this document were taken by these talented employees. And Tara Becker – thank you for patiently editing and printing these photographs so that we are able to share hard copies with everyone!

★ **PSB Building Services Staff**

Thank you for your help setting up before each ceremony, and for your assistance cleaning up afterwards.

★ **Everyone that has viewed, commented, or shared our social media posts, or in any way shared information about our program**

Thank you for helping spread the word about the Do the Right Thing program. We enjoy recognizing our winners, and sharing updates, with everyone through social media. Please help us by sharing our posts, newsletters, brochures, etc! It is our hope to bring in more nominations so that we can recognize and reward even more students!

2020-2021 CEREMONY DATES

Please join us as we recognize outstanding students from Monroe County who have chosen to do the right thing!

December 10, 2020

March 4, 2021

May 6, 2021

We hope to resume the traditional ceremony format, where ceremonies are held at 10:30 am at the Rochester Police Department Public Safety Building at 185 Exchange Boulevard, however if restrictions are still in place due to the current pandemic, we plan to hold virtual ceremonies via Facebook Live on the above dates. Updates will be posted to our Facebook page as the dates get closer.



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