



YCPTA CITIZENSHIP/SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019

7:00 PM

SAUNDERS TRADES & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

183 PALMER RD, YONKERS, NY 10701

PROGRAM

Welcome

Sophia Wu

Treasurer, YCPTA Citizenship and Scholarship Awards Committee Chairperson

Pledge of Allegiance

High School Scholarship Winners

YCPTA Meeting to Order and Elections

Rob Rijos

President, YCPTA

Nominating Committee Co-Chairs

Ann Marie Papanagnostou

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Greetings

Mayor Mike Spano, City of Yonkers

Ms. Judith Ramos Meier, Vice President, Yonkers Board of Education Trustee

Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Paul Siragusa, son of Rosemarie Ann Siragusa

Awards Presentation

Rosemarie Ann Siragusa Citizenship Award

5th and 8th Graders

Patricia A. DiChiaro Memorial Award

8th Grade

Mabel Bell Scholarship Award

High School

Paul M. Mitchell Humanitarian Award

High School

Millie Yochman Special Recognition Award

High School

Closing

Rosemarie Ann Siragusa Citizenship Award

(Sponsored by the Siragusa Family)

Awarded to an outstanding Boy and Girl from the 5th Grade and the 8th Grade classes on a city wide basis, who have demonstrated respect for authority and fellow students, attendance and punctuality, care of school property and outstanding contributions to the school and the community.

5th Grade Boys and Girls

SCHOOL 5

Girl: *Stephanie Espinal*

Stephanie is a delightful young lady. She is respectful, kind, hard working, and a motivated and conscientious fifth grader. Stephanie is an active member of the School 5 Girl Scout Troop. She is well liked and a wonderful volunteer.

Boy: *Christian Thomas*

Christian is a highly motivated student. He takes his work seriously and sets an excellent example for his classmates. Christian has been on the honor roll and has been an absolute pleasure to have in class. Christian is kind and helpful to all of those around him.

PATRICIA A. DICHIARO SCHOOL

Girl: *Jaiden Vital*

Jaiden is a very dedicated and committed person. She is kind, trustworthy and a motivated student who is always prepared for class and school. Jaiden possesses an enthusiasm for learning which is exemplified through her academic success. She demonstrates the qualities that make her a role model for other students. She participates in many extracurricular activities that include soccer, Girls Scouts, dancing, cooking, painting and photography. She is kind towards others and always loves to help people. She loves being around her family and her friends. Jaiden captures the spirit that embodies this award.

Boy: *Brandon Ford*

Brandon is a highly motivated student who performs well in all academic areas. He is eager to learn and try new things. Brandon is always willing to assist and help others. He always sets a great example for his peers. Brandon participates on many teams, playing hockey, football, basketball and baseball. He always exhibits good sportsmanship and is respectful of his teammates, coaches, opponents and the games themselves. Brandon also loves spending time with his family and friends and brings them great joy.

SCHOOL 9

Girl: *Marjorye Paulino Nolasco*

Marjorye is an outstanding student. She is always prepared, very helpful, positive, well mannered, participates in class, and completes all homework and classwork. She performs well in both ELA and mathematics and is always pushing herself to do better each day. She is a wonderful student and that is why she deserves this award.

Boy: *John Jimenez*

John is a highly motivated, responsible and pleasant fifth grader, who is well balanced in all subjects. He is very motivated to do well and has strong work ethics. His favorite subject is Mathematics and he would like to become a Veterinarian in the future. He sets a great example for all with his positive attitude and excellent behavior in and out of the classroom.

THOMAS CORNELL ACADEMY

Girl: *Karen Michelle Facundo Sanchez*

Karen has volunteered along with her family for the Untermyer Performing Arts Council and has performed at Untermyer Park. She is also a volunteer and performer with the Telpochcalli Traditional Mexican Dance Company in Yonkers which performs at City Hall, New York City and other locations. Karen has participated in many PTA projects. She is on the school track team and she contributes in meaningful ways to community activities. Karen is a valuable citizen of the school.

Boy: *Aurelio B. Castro Peralta*

Aurelio has grown as an English Language Learner from a beginner to the expanding level as a fifth grade student. His academic interests include reading non-fiction texts. His family, originally from Mexico, has settled in our school community. They are faithful attendees of St. Mary's Church. Aurelio likes to play soccer and he is a helpful big brother to his younger siblings. Aurelio exemplifies the qualities of our school pledge which include perseverance and responsibility.

SCHOOL 13

Girl: *Kiara Thornhill*

Kiara is an exceptionally intelligent young lady. She strives to achieve success in all academic areas. She is mature, responsible and hard working. She is creative and a critical thinker. She either has a book to read or a drawing notebook in her arms at all times. She's kind and helpful to others and has a love of learning. Kiara has a kind heart and is empathetic and compassionate to her teachers and peers alike. Kiara encompasses all the hallmarks of a Siragusa recipient, citizenship and academic excellence.

Boy: *Abel David Sosa Compres*

Abel is intelligent, inquisitive and extremely popular among his peers. He is mature, sensitive and caring. He enjoys working with his peers and teachers alike. He consistently pushes himself to reach his academic and personal goals. He is a talented soloist and is part of the Community School 13 and Yonkers All City Choir. He is well deserving of this honor as a Siragusa Award recipient.

ROSEMARIE ANN SIRAGUSA SCHOOL

Girl: *Lilia Lee*

Lilia displays the attributes of an internationally minded student which are promoted within the Siragusa Global Academy. Lilia is a knowledgeable student who eagerly tries new things and confidently shares her beliefs and experiences. She is a principled young lady who displays honesty and fairness among her peers. Lilia is respectful towards authority figures as well as her fellow students. Lilia is an enthusiastic learner who exhibits an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and always strives to do her best.

Boy: *Adrian D. Cecilio*

Adrian is an incredible role model and a diligent student. He always comes to class on time, prepared and creates high quality work that exceeds expectations. Adrian is a remarkable learner because he is self-motivated and always challenges himself to be at his very best. He has an outstanding work ethic. Adrian is a talented & competitive mathematician. Adrian brings a joyful, positive energy to those around him and encourages others to participate in school. He is respectful to all in the building. Adrian's contribution to the class is truly positive and appreciated.

PAIDEIA SCHOOL 15

Girl: *Peyton Savarese*

Peyton is an outstanding young lady. She is motivated, intelligent, kind and compassionate. Peyton has a tremendous curiosity about the world around her. She loves an academic challenge and demonstrates true

girl power when she refuses to give up. Peyton cares deeply about the people around her and is a constant support for those she can help. She is greatly admired and respected by her peers. She is a student of Tae Kwon Do, can be seen in ice skating performances, and she is a member of the Girl Scouts.

Boy: *Seamus Kelly*

Seamus is a respected and well liked member of his class. He always offers a smile and is willing to help at all times. Several times, Seamus has anonymously sent 'friendshipgrams' to unsuspecting classmates, causing tremendous smiles and utter surprise. Seamus is a kind, articulate and diligent student. One who is more than deserving of this award.

SCHOOL 16

Girl: *Alexis Nyemchek*

Alexis is a well-mannered, responsible 5th grader who is eager to learn. Alexis demonstrates the utmost respect for staff and students. She often assists fellow students during Math class. Alexis participates in all school and PTA events.

Boy: *Dylan Ramirez*

Dylan is cooperative and friendly. He is a fine student who enjoys academic challenges. He is a dependable boy who doesn't hesitate to help his peers when needed and is well respected by all.

SCHOOL 17

Girl: *Aaliyah Sydnor*

Aaliyah is a wonderful student and a valuable member of the School 17 community. Aaliyah has served on our school's safety patrol. She also sang the Star-Spangled Banner to open our winter concert and performed in our Black History Show. Aaliyah is a hard worker, and an honor student, who strives for excellence. She comes to school ready to work and has maintained perfect attendance.

Boy: *Kevin Smith*

Kevin is respectful towards his teachers and peers. Compassion and concern for his friends are a couple of his positive attributes. His peers look to him as a leader not only to lead but to assist them with their goals. He is an active learner and applies himself to excel in all content areas. Kevin not only donated and participated in fundraisers but he is also an excellent baker alongside his father.

SCHOLASTIC ACADEMY FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Girl: *Allison Flores*

Allison is an exemplary student and an excellent role model for all of her peers. Her selfless acts in the school community and compassionate nature are qualities that we only hope all of our students will cultivate. A student council representative, she takes pride in working hard for the greater good of the student body. Allison's strong work ethics, curiosity, and diligence toward all of her studies have enabled her to achieve above grade level performance in all subject areas.

Boy: *Edwin Garcia*

A person of excellent character, morals, and values, Edwin Garcia demonstrates compassion and kindness throughout the school community and is loved by all teachers and peers. Edwin's academic achievements reflect his commitment to his schoolwork and eagerness to learn. His diligence in his studies and natural leadership skills exceed expectations, making him a terrific role model for his peers. Edwin's proactive approach and exemplary efforts in all subject areas are exemplified in his academic excellence and achievements.

EUGENIO MARIA DE HOSTOS MICRO SOCIETY SCHOOL

Girl: *Diana Torres Suarez*

Diana is an excellent student who excels in and out of the classroom. She is a respectful and hard-working student. She is also a great role model to her peers. She has shown great leadership in the Microsociety Program. Diana is currently the Chief Financial Officer of the Hostos Peacekeeper / Court / Fire Department. Her hobbies include soccer and ice skating.

Boy: *Bryan Cardozo*

Bryan is a conscientious student who succeeds in all areas. He is an avid reader. Bryan also plays soccer with the Westchester Juniors Fútbol Club. He has shown leadership skills through his involvement in the Hostos Microsociety program. Bryan is currently the Chief Executive Officer at Hostos Micro University, where he is responsible for all accounting tasks. Bryan hopes to be a mechanical engineer when he grows up.

SCHOOL 21

Girl: *Nycole-Roxana Popa*

Nycole has tremendous respect for authority and respects all of her fellow students. She is the first one to lend a hand for someone in need and does not expect anything for it. Her attendance record is stellar and she is always one of the first students to arrive each day. Nycole seems to always have a smile on her face and gives forth her best effort. Nycole maintains the highest grades and contributes to all school programs. She is a terrific student and a very nice young lady.

Boy: *Aldin Selimi*

Aldin is an Honor Roll student; he is a respectful, caring, kind, generous young man. He is well liked and respected by all his peers. Aldin is a student of Tae Kwon Do. In his spare time he enjoys playing soccer with his family. He has a pet fish that he is responsible to care for in addition he helps his little sister with her school work.

SCHOOL 22

Girl: *Julie Diaz*

Julie is a responsible, bright 5th grade student who has been active in student government since 3rd grade. She is currently our student government president. Julie noticed the amount of students who seemed out of place during recess and created a “buddy bench” for students to go to when they are in need of a friend. Julie is always thinking of others and is also an exemplary student. Julie is kind, compassionate and a friend to all.

Boy: *Ryan Mohammed*

Ryan is an outstanding human being. He is always ready and eager to help out, takes his work seriously, and exudes a positive attitude toward school and life. Ryan is compassionate and, above all else, Ryan is respectful and kind. These are traits that come easily and naturally to him and traits that rub off on those around him. He greets the world with a smile, even when the world doesn't smile back.

SCHOOL 23

Girl: *Mariam Botros*

Mariam is a very respectful and honest student. She is an active learner and always tries her best. She has never missed an assignment and is always working efficiently during instruction. Mariam uses her time wisely, is well prepared and always arrives to school on time. Her attendance is outstanding. She is well liked by her classmates and has compassion for her peers and others. She is a leader who has a good grasp on how important education is for her future. Mariam is a model student.

Boy: *Leandro Puello*

Leandro is an all around excellent student. He is the only child in last year's fourth grade class to receive a perfect score on both Math and ELA. In fifth grade, he receives 4's in all subjects. Leandro is kind, considerate and helpful to all. Leandro is a young gentleman and a pleasure to have in class.

PAIDEIA SCHOOL 24**Girl: *Gloriana Montalvo Montes***

Gloriana is quite an admirable young lady. She is kind, willing to help, and well-liked. Her extracurricular activities include Girl Scouts of America, playing the violin, and she was chosen to perform in an international Hip Hop performance video choreographed by Arleigh Rothenberg. Last year, Gloriana obtained the Disney Be Inspired Grant where she built shelves for My Sister's Place and Kids Allowed Pre-School. She is the recipient of the Hasbro Be Fearless Be Kind, Youth Services America Grant which is affording her the opportunity to design and have installed a new school sign at Paideia 24. At school Gloriana is a member of our Safety Patrol and Student Council.

Boy: *Alexmar Alonso Mendoza*

Alexmar is a kind and friendly person. He is a twin to his brother Josfil. His favorite sport is swimming. He hopes one day he will get the chance to race in a swim meet. Alexmar loves to build, craft, and create. He will spend hours on a puzzle or building a model. He also loves arts and crafts. He has created many different types of artwork, like flipbooks, 3D drawings and paper figures. He enjoys being with his friends and classmates. He is very kind and thoughtful. He goes out of his way to help someone. Alexmar enjoys spending time with family. He aspires to one day become a scientist.

MUSEUM SCHOOL 25**Girl: *Daphane Garcia***

Daphane is an outstanding student who loves to learn. She respects all school rules and would go above and beyond to help students in need. Daphane loves to draw and puts heart and soul in all her work. She is part of our schools Beautification Team and the school choir.

Boy: *Sabastian Koong*

Sabastian is an outstanding student who loves to learn. He respects all school rules and would go above and beyond to help students in need. Sabastian loves to read. Give him a book and he will finish it in a day! He works really hard in school. He wrote over 100 letters to Santa for the Make a Wish foundation to help kids in need. He is part of our schools Beautification Team and the school choir.

CASIMIR PULASKI SCHOOL**Girl: *Angelina Alba***

Angelina is an outstanding role model who is respectful, kind and committed to learning. She is truly a young lady who is well on her way to achieving all she sets out to accomplish, as she never gives up and seeks to be triumphant. She is a communicator who possesses the strong ability to understand and articulate concepts and original ideas with clarity, creativity and confidence via both written and digital communications. She is patient and respectful towards the diversity of her peers always showing a genuine interest in each person's individuality. Angelina possesses a quiet, gentle confidence which is respected and admired by all.

Boy: *Nicholas Santobello*

Nicholas is an outstanding student. He is respectful and cooperative. Nicholas works well with groups. Nicholas is caring and shows sensitivity towards the needs and feelings of his peers. He exhibits a sense of personal commitment to helping his classmates. Nicholas is a dependable communicator. He is an observer

and connects with his peer's reasoning and emotions. Nicholas is responsive to the diversity of the students and accepts each and every student's individuality. Nicholas approaches unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought and has the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies. He is brave and articulate in defending his beliefs.

MONTESSORI SCHOOL 27

Girl: *Magnolia Valverde*

Maggie demonstrates good civic responsibility as a citizen of Montessori 27. She spends time helping younger students in the building by volunteering to read with them or help out with classroom projects. Maggie has a strong sense of self-respect and in turn that has a positive effect on those around her. Maggie also shows loyalty to her friends and encourages and supports them in the classroom. Her honesty, respect and compassion for others makes Maggie a wonderful asset to our school.

Boy: *Adrian Acosta*

Adrian is an excellent example of a student who exhibits great citizenship and civic responsibility at Montessori 27. Adrian constantly displays authenticity socially and educationally. His trustworthiness and self confidence is evident when he helps the other students in the classroom. He also volunteers his time to help children in Pre-K and Kindergarten. He is a positive influence to all around him. He has excellent attendance and comes to school eager to learn. He is a VERY respectful young man that Montessori 27 is lucky to have.

KAHLIL GIBRAN SCHOOL

Girl: *Roselyn Monserrate*

Rosie loves math and the challenge of solving problems. She also, loves Social Studies and learning about the past. She is always eager to help out in school, whether it be in the classroom, cafeteria or at recess. She enjoys the first graders the most. Rosie loves spending time with her family whether it be at the movies or the mall. She is a great animal lover. She enjoys gymnastics and looks forward to joining a gymnastics team. She can't wait to be a big sister this coming year.

Boy: *Tyler Colon*

Tyler was inducted into the Elementary National Honor Society in fourth grade. He enjoys gym because he can play sports with his friends. He also enjoys math because he learns something new all the time. He has participated in a gift sharing program at school and also helped with the Gibran Holiday Food Drive. When he is not at school, he enjoys playing soccer and baseball with his friends. He also likes to spend time with his family.

WESTCHESTER HILLS SCHOOL 29

Girl: *Afua Dorcas Boano*

Dorcas is a wonderful and motivated fifth grade student who tries her best every day. She is a beautiful young girl inside and out. She is kind, polite, and thoughtful. She is always willing to help, encourage, and guide her classmates. She is very bright, creative, and excels in all subjects. She loves reading and writing and enjoys sharing her thoughts and ideas in class. She is an exceptional student, a positive role model to all her classmates, and a pleasure to teach.

Boy: *Kemani Spencer*

Kemani is a great role model and sets a positive example for students in our school community. He is responsible with his classwork and homework assignments. He is eager to offer a helping hand to others when needed. He is kind, respectful, and patient towards others. Kemani has excellent attendance. He enters the classroom with a great smile and a positive attitude and is ready and eager to face all academic

challenges. He is an active member of the Cub Scouts and is quite involved in community activities that provide assistance for others.

SCHOOL 30

Girl: *Ashley Daniel*

Ashley is a hardworking student who takes pride in her work. She is very focused in class and volunteers to help other students when done with her own assignments. Ashley is very proficient with computer programs and is a big help to the class when we have issues with the computers. Ashley's role model is her father and she hopes to become a medical doctor just like him.

Boy: *Jayden Gajadhar*

Jayden is a sweet and respectful student. He comes to school eager to learn and expand his knowledge. Jayden is a knowledgeable student who loves to help his peers. Jayden leads by example and shows his peers that hard work and dedication is rewarding. Jayden is also a self-confident student who embraces his unique and creative interests. It is a pleasure teaching Jayden.

MONTESORI SCHOOL 31

Girl: *Vanesa Velovic*

Vanesa is a bright, kind, honest, trustworthy and conscientious student with a positive outlook and attitude. She is very involved in the school community. Vanesa is a good citizen who often volunteers to help her teacher and others without being asked. She is an enthusiastic learner who is meticulous to the work assigned. Vanesa is an inquisitive student who is already ahead of the Math curriculum in the 5th grade using Khan Academy as a resource to learn above her grade level. Her level of commitment to school and to others is highly commendable.

Boy: *Merckx Martinez Davila*

Merckx is an outstanding member of the Montessori 31 community. He is an enthusiastic, passionate boy who loves learning, creating and performing. Merckx values community and friendship. He regularly reaches out to others to share his ideas and spreads his enthusiasm for learning. His honesty and trustworthiness make him a reliable, dependable student as well. Merckx is always willing to help out a peer or teacher around the school. He follows school rules and is a responsible citizen. Merckx is on a wonderful path towards success and happiness.

FAMILY SCHOOL 32

Girl: *Hannah Silva*

Hannah is a well-rounded, studious child. She goes above and beyond to ensure academic success. Hannah is helpful and kind. As a member of the school's safety patrol, Hannah arrives to school well before the rest of the student body. Often times we are greeted by a smiling Hannah with notebook in hand studying for whatever lesson or test she will have that day. Outside of school, Hannah is a Junior Tae Kwon Do instructor and has earned her black belt.

Boy: *Julian Camilo*

Julian is a bright, motivated, and hardworking student. Julian gets along with everyone around him. He loves to help others and is kind, caring, considerate, always putting his friends' needs before himself. Julian is focused on doing well in school and always follows the rules. Julian is inquisitive, he incorporates new vocabulary into his daily language, is a self-motivated learner and always strives to improve.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ACADEMY

Girl: *Chelsea Pena*

Chelsea is a hardworking, fun, and helpful student. She is responsible and inquisitive. Chelsea knows when to ask for help but also helps her classmates. Chelsea is kind and caring with her family. Chelsea works hard and regularly goes beyond the requirements.

Boy: *Tyrone Woodson*

Tyrone is an excellent leader and class role model. He takes pride in his work and treats his classmates with respect. He is a future influencer! Tyrone is an exceptional addition to our MLK school community.

CROSS HILL ACADEMY

Girl: *Keyla Olague*

Keyla is a dedicated and inquisitive student with a great amount of intellectual interest. She is a cooperative and attentive student. Keyla is a pleasure to have in class. She enjoys helping her classmates. She is a role model for her peers. Keyla has a great work ethic and provides assistance to those in need.

Boy: *Maksym Fundyga*

Maksym is a creative, dedicated and enthusiastic learner. He is eager and always ready to learn new information. Maksym is extremely attentive and cooperative. He is such a pleasure to have in class. Maksym is a great role model for his classmates. He has astounding qualities.

CESAR E. CHAVEZ SCHOOL

Girl: *Miley Martinez*

Miley is a dedicated, hard working fifth grader. Her contribution to our school safety patrol is to be commended as she is always working for our school family. Miley is always happy with a bright smile on her face. She is always ready to lend a helping hand. Our school is lucky to have Miley.

Boy: *Askari Little*

Askari is a kind, hard working student. When Askari enters my room, his friendly smile lights it up! Askari helps our younger students every day and gives up his free time to do it. Askari is well liked by his peers and is a role model. Cedar E. Chavez is lucky to have him.

ENRICO FERMI SCHOOL

Girl: *Haysel Escobar*

Haysel is an exceptional student. She started school as a bilingual student, but due to her motivation and dedication she quickly exited to monolingual. She takes pride in all she does. Haysel is reliable and is an excellent role model for her peers.

Boy: *Juan Manuel Cruz*

Juan is an exceptional student. He is a role model to his classmates because he is always determined to improve his grades and to never give up in the face of challenges. Juan is a great member of the community because he is always helping his fellow neighbors when in need.

PEARLS HAWTHORNE SCHOOL

Girl: *Lily Mulcahy*

Lily is a lovely, respectful 5th grade student. She shows a kindness to other students and is always willing to lend a helping hand to fellow students and adults. She is respectful, punctual, always pleasant. She is a member of the junior choir here at PEARLS. Lily is an asset to the PEARLS community.

Boy: *Thomas Letona*

Thomas is a sweet and respectful student. He works diligently and takes pride in all he does. He is very willing to help in the classroom as well as with peers. He is responsible, always prepared and eager to start. Thomas is a member of the school band. He is a pleasure to have as a student.

ROBERT C. DODSON SCHOOL

Girl: *Jasmine Alfán Martinez*

Jasmine is a respectful and responsible young lady. She is a conscientious student and is always willing to help others. Her positive attitude shines through in all that she does. She exhibits leadership qualities and her classmates look up to her. Her smile lights up the darkest of rooms.

Boy: *Emanuel Marin*

Emanuel is a diligent student who aspires to be his best at all times. His kindness shines through his actions and thoughts. He is respectful of all and always works beyond his potential. Outside of school, he assists with the food pantry at his church. He is a well-rounded young man and is loved by all. He is an inspiration to our entire school community.

WILLIAM BOYCE THOMPSON SCHOOL

Girl: *Jeimy Aguilar*

Jeimy is a dedicated student who focuses on doing her best in class. She enjoys learning new and interesting things as well as constantly searching for different ways to improve her overall academic performance. Volunteering, helping others, tutoring and community service within the school is all part of Jeimy's nature. Jeimy Aguilar embodies the true essence of a model student.

Boy: *Alan Rodriguez*

Alan impressed his teachers with his ability to show compassion towards others both in and out of the classroom. Alan's personal strengths are as impressive as his academic accomplishments. He is insightful, humorous, cheerful, and has a kind heart. Although he's the perfect person to get a group project started, he also demonstrates the ability to sit back and let others take the lead. Alan is the perfect type of engaging, kind, and curious student that helps make the classroom a lively environment and safe place to take intellectual risks.

YONKERS MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Girl: *Ciara Bradely*

Ciara is continuing to work hard, improve her grades and have a positive attitude. Ciara helps students around her and is always willing to go above and beyond. Ciara is a model student who embodies the 5 pillars that make up the Montessori environment; Respect, Peace, Learning, Community, and Hard Work.

Boy: *Lawrence Moccia*

Lawrence is hardworking, kind, compassionate, and driven. He is one of a kind, and it is a pleasure to teach Lawrence and watch him grow. He comes to school each day prepared and ready to learn. Lawrence is always willing to lend a helping hand when anyone is in need. Lawrence is an asset to our school community and embodies the 5 pillars that make up our Montessori learning environment- Respect, Peace, Learning, Community, and Hard Work.

8th Grade Boys and Girls

****District Wide winners**

SCHOOL 5

Girl: *Destiny Kingsley*

Destiny is an outstanding and respectful young lady. Even though she has gone through so many adverse situations during 7th and 8th grade, she still finds a way to work through it. She shows up to school on time, keeps up with her responsibilities and makes time to help others. Destiny also gives up her prep periods and

recess to help the younger students in their classes. Destiny is truly a student leader, a role model and one we are so proud to have as a part of our family at School Five.

Boy: *Eric Valdez*

Eric is a respectful and hardworking young man. He always sets a good example for others and looks out for them. Eric is always there to help out when help is needed, whether it be a student or a staff member. He gives up his prep period to help other teachers and students as part of the Simply Organized Students Club. He is also a study group leader and ensures that not only his group members but others as well are staying on top of their work and studying for their tests. We are happy to have him as part of our School 5 family.

PATRICIA A. DiCHIARO SCHOOL

Girl: *Katie Smith*

Katie is a pleasure to have as a student at our school. Despite her challenges, she is held in high esteem by her peers and staff due to her exceptional moral compass. Her kindness extends to all living things. She is an avid wolf enthusiast and is well versed in their habitats, lifestyle, etc. Katie is a model in Positive Action, one of our school's programs.

Boy: *Brendan Heaney*

Brendan is an outstanding scholar. He is an outspoken advocate for DiChiaro and Yonkers Public Schools. He participates and excels on our Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial team. He is a good class citizen, humorous and reliable.

SCHOOL 13

Girl: *Paola Baizan*

Paola is someone who isn't afraid to be challenged and works hard to achieve her goals. She is always trusted by faculty and staff to complete a task with responsibility and honesty. She is wise beyond her years and understands the importance of doing her best in her academics. Her goal-oriented nature is one that will take her far in life; I'm truly excited for her! There is definitely no one more deserving of this award.

Boy: *Brian Hernandez*

Brian is able to understand material very easily and manages to make classroom discussions rich in information. His work and thoughts on critical essays is impressive. As a part of the School 13 community, Brian has shown leadership by carrying on multiple roles and standing apart as a strong role model by those who surround him. He is a great, young adult with a bright future ahead of him. As the ideal student and well-rounded gentleman that he is.

PAIDEIA SCHOOL 15

Girl: *Yanessa Rivera*

Yanessa is a consistent and diligent student whose strengths lie in her determination to excel and in the enthusiasm with which she tackles her assignments. Yanessa is a highly motivated, dedicated and energetic student. Yanessa is technologically savvy. She is a vital member of the school community and is involved with the school's play Frozen Jr. She also volunteers at her church and tutors students. She is a mature, compassionate, humble and reliable young lady who has often been called upon by fellow students, teachers, and administrators to take on a leadership role in diverse situations. Her positive attitude is contagious, she is empathetic and likes fair play and this makes for an enjoyable learning environment.

Boy: *Nicholas DeRosa*

Nicholas DeRosa is one of the most honorable male students in our school community. He contributes to the school's program not necessarily by participating in extracurricular activities but in his respect for authority, peers, and capability to bring his best to the table every single day! Nicholas pushes himself to be

an outstanding member of the school community. He is currently being inducted into the Junior National Honor Society for his academic achievements, character, leadership, and service.

SCHOOL 16

Girl: *Melanie Vasquez*

Melanie is an outstanding student! She is polite and respectful at all times. She is always eager to help others and participate in all activities. Melanie participates in modified sports and all 8th grade activities/committees. She is a model student and will be missed here at School 16.

Boy: *Lawrence Eaton*

Lawrence has been a tremendous asset to School 16. He has always been a model student. He is respectful and kind. Lawrence is always willing to help others. He is dedicated to his education and always does his best. He participates in sports and all 8th grade activities. Lawrence will be missed here at School 16.

SCHOLASTIC ACADEMY FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Girl: *Sydney Sanchez*

Sydney is the very definition of a leader. She always carries herself with dignity, setting a clear example for others to follow. While many students are responsible for completing their own work, Sydney always manages to motivate and assist her peers, even when it means sacrificing her own progress momentarily. Above all, she always brings a positive attitude to whatever situation she finds herself in. Her warmth and determination have impacted us all here at Scholastic Academy.

Boy: *Shaddai Garcia*

Shaddai brings a keen intellect and a jovial energy to Scholastic Academy every day. He is a gifted mathematician, and engages with complicated ideas in a sophisticated way. He manages to maintain an easygoing personality and is always quick to share a laugh with a classmate. His confidence often inspires others to approach a task without trepidation. His overall positivity helped improve the community every day.

EUGENIO MARIA DE HOSTOS MICRO SOCIETY SCHOOL

Girl: *Haley Galdamez Reyes*

Haley is reliable, responsible, helpful, and a quick thinker. She is creative, outgoing, and a risk -taker, always wanting to see how different ideas turn out. Haley always tries her best and puts effort into everything she does. She likes helping her peers to understand difficult lessons as well as help out around her community and has volunteered for community cleanup and church activities. She is involved in student government. She is a great role model for the school community.

Boy: *Andrew Tapia*

Andrew is a helpful and caring person. He works hard to keep improving himself and enjoys math. He has been awarded Student of the Month as well as Principal's List. Andrew has attended the enrichment program at Sarah Lawrence's creative writing program. He is an asset to our school!

SCHOOL 23

Girl: *Suemari Mela*

Suemari is a wonderful young lady who always put forth more than 100%. She is very good at all that she does. She is a superb student and excels in all her classes. As a person, she is a pleasure. Suemari is unselfish and is always willing to help others. She explains things to other students if they don't understand. Suemari helps keep her friends on track with their work. She has helped with numerous events here at School 23 one of the best being the STEM Event.

Boy: *Fayyaz Shah*

Fayyaz is a unique young man. He has always been a good student but this year he has shown perseverance in tackling new concepts. He is one of the top students in math class. He rarely misunderstands a concept and helps others around him to understand as well. Fayyaz volunteered to help with the School 23 community and the STEM Event. He is a helpful young man who is eager to get involved.

CASIMIR PULASKI SCHOOL

Girl: *Georgiana Mitchell*

Georgiana is one of our most mature and focused students. Academics are always her number one priority. She is in charge of our stage crew and our lead director's assistant in our middle school musical theatre program, plays on our school's soccer and basketball teams and is also active in her community. Georgiana is never afraid of constructive criticism when it comes to her work and makes sure she applies any suggestions with enthusiasm. She is a true leader and role model.

Boy: *Bruce Marji*

Bruce is an excellent student who achieves honor roll regularly. He takes pride in being honest and putting others before himself. He enjoys playing basketball and making music. Bruce is involved with the school show of Mary Poppins Jr. He respects authority and is honest to his peers. He believes that even when somebody is disrespecting you, you need to calm down and help them as you assess the situation. He believes that, "No legacy is so rich as honesty."

KAHLIL GIBRAN SCHOOL

Girl: *Angelina Mathew*

Angelina strives for excellence in everything she participates in. She is selfless in her efforts to assist others and to contribute to our school community. Angelina provides a wonderful role model for the younger children she mentors on a volunteer basis here in our school.

Boy: *Jason Duodu*

Jason is a model student who quietly works hard to achieve his goals. He sets a fantastic example for his peers to follow and consistently earns high grades. He participates in extracurricular activities and is a well-rounded student.

WESTCHESTER HILLS SCHOOL 29

Girl: *Azamina Tosic*

Azamina portrays all of the qualities of this award based on her actions, hard work, good efforts, and determination to succeed. Azamina begins and completes every assignment with pride, originality, independence, and responsibility. Azamina has a strong attendance record showing her determination to succeed. Azamina is eager to learn new topics, participates in classroom discussions, asks for help, and takes corrections constructively. Azamina is respectful of her peers, teachers and staff. She is mature, eager to challenge herself, goal-oriented and has made a positive impact on our school community.

Boy: *Nasir Forte Simmons*

Nasir has shown true growth and commitment. This growth has led him to willingly help his classmates who struggle with certain academic concepts, displaying his contribution and effort in the classroom environment. Nasir respects each individual student in his class and shows care, pride, and commitment for his peers, and most importantly, himself. Nasir also respects authority figures in his school community. He seeks guidance and help from adults when needed. He continuously works hard to accomplish the tasks assigned to him, as well as improve the work he has completed in the past. Nasir has a good attendance record showing his focus towards academic success.

SCHOOL 30

Girl: *Lara Lazar*

Lara is mature, kind natured, hard-working, and has a can-do attitude towards everything. Over the last two years, Lara's teachers have come to rely on her for a myriad of tasks from her work on the yearbook, to National History Day, newspaper, to daily administrative tasks, all done with a smile. Lara's friendliness, kindheartedness, and high academic achievement make her a favorite of all of her teachers. She is a well-liked exemplar and leader to her peers as evidenced by her multitudes of true friends. She is the school's vice president and we see success in her future.

Boy: *Ryan Neville*

Ryan is the true definition of gentleman. He is always kind and courteous to his peers and teachers alike. He is generous...always willing to lend school supplies to his peers and often puts others' needs before his own. A real gentleman. Ryan is a great young man, a superb student and an athlete. Ryan is hardworking, intelligent, and always on task which, in combination with his gentlemanly deportment, makes him a beacon for his peers and laudable on every level from his teachers.

FAMILY SCHOOL 32

Girl: *Elizabeth Samuel***

Elizabeth is an exceptional student and young woman. She has garnered the admiration and respect of both her peers and the adults in the building. She has been integral in the planning and execution of various fundraisers. She volunteers at PTA and other school events, tutors her peers, and engages in community service. She has consistently been on the Principal's List, is the Class Treasurer and a talented singer. Elizabeth was brave enough to share with her peers some very personal experiences she has had with bullying, and how she was able to persevere.

Boy: *Cristopher Altomare***

Cristopher is truly a shining star. He has garnered the admiration and respect of both his peers and the adults in the building. This year, he was elected Student Body President and has proven to be a strong leader and positive role model. He has been integral in the planning and execution of various fundraisers. He has been a great go between in relaying concerns of students and administration to the entire middle school. Cristopher has volunteered at PTA events such as bingo nights, helped to execute food drives, served as stage manager for our school's production of "Annie" and so much more. He is a polite young man and we see success in his future.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ACADEMY

Girl: *Sarai Moody*

Sarai is a positive role model, model student, and always prepared for classes. Sarai gives her best efforts no matter what the assignments are. Not only does she excel in the classroom, but she assists teachers and students throughout the school community. Sarai dedicates her lunch period each day assisting the Spanish teacher and volunteering to tutor other students with homework and assignments. She has a calm and gentle demeanor and her level of performance academically shows that she has decided to embrace her education at every level to achieve all of her goals in life.

Boy: *Jose Lino Reyes*

Jose has always excelled in the classroom, but his shyness did not permit him to always share his wisdom in class without prompting by teachers. Jose has blossomed into a leader in the classroom both academically and socially. He has become a leader in the sense that he encourages other students, those who have

struggled in the past, to perform at their best. His behavior helps the MLK Academy community to foster a truer sense of community and family, which helps all students to learn beyond the classroom. Jose respects authority and is truly a model student.

CROSS HILL ACADEMY

Girl: *Joyeta Dutta*

Joyeta is a valued member of the school student body. She exemplifies the ideal student, friend and peer through the help and guidance she gives to her fellow students. She helps with the younger students and is always the first one to volunteer to help out with fundraisers and any other school community initiatives.

Boy: *Gabriel Cantos*

Gabriel is a valued member of the Cross Hill Academy student body. He exemplifies the ideal student, friend and peer through the help and guidance he gives to his fellow students. He helps with the younger students and is always the first one to volunteer to help out with fundraisers and any other school community initiatives. He is a long-time member of the school band and helps coach and mentor younger students who are learning their instruments.

CESAR E. CHAVEZ SCHOOL

Girl: *Ashley Tobar*

Ashley is a responsible, valued and conscientious member of the school community and a model student and peer for her classmates. The work she hands in is consistent in its excellent quality and attention to detail and she is truly thoughtful about her contributions to class discussion. Her calm demeanor and respectful nature are appreciated by all adults in our building. Ashley attends school regularly, is always on time and prepared for class and takes care to complete all assigned work. She is an avid reader. She hopes to build a career in music and singing, loves to play the guitar and is self-motivated and independent in her pursuit of new knowledge and practice in that field.

Boy: *Kevin Sotelo*

Kevin is continuously helping others who struggle or need some added assistance. Kevin puts forth great effort to be the best student that he can be. He received the most improved award this year for completing all my classwork and homework every day. He is a true asset to the Cesar E. Chavez Community.

ENRICO FERMI SCHOOL

Girl: *Yoselin Sanchez Pina*

Yoselin Sanchez is an English Language Learner that is eager to learn and grow in all aspects of her life. She is actively involved in many clubs and extracurricular activities. She pushes herself academically and strives for success. She is self-motivated. She is currently a class representative for student government. She is also part of the literary magazine and photography club. Yoselin is an exemplary student with the drive and motivation that educators dream of.

Boy: *Wilmer A. Benitez Deras*

Wilmer is a hardworking bilingual student. Wilmer is currently enrolled in the Transitional Bilingual Education program. He continuously puts forth great effort not only in his academics, but extracurricular activities as well. Wilmer is currently part of student government, literary magazine and intramural sports. He is a well-rounded individual who is mindful of his peers and assists in any way he can. He has grown not only in his classes, but has made tremendous strides in his language acquisition as well. Wilmer is very deserving of this honor and should be highlighted for his efforts and perseverance.

PEARLS HAWTHORNE SCHOOL

Girl: *Sofia Fernandez*

Sofia Fernandez is a fabulous young lady who is an inspiration to our community. She is described by a classmate as being “One of the kindest, most caring individuals I know.” In addition to upholding true character and respect, Sofia is a consistent Principal’s List student. For the past three years, Sofia has voluntarily served as the “bus monitor assistant” for her bus. As a responsible and caring individual, she took on this role willingly and effortlessly. In the classroom, Sofia volunteers herself willingly, whether to assist the teacher with collecting items or explaining a concept or skill to a struggling or confused student.

Boy: *Nicholas Schnorbus*

Nicholas is a uniquely talented individual. In addition to being extremely bright and technologically inclined, he is a stand-up citizen. Nicholas demonstrates kindness on a daily basis by helping students in need, assisting teachers with technology in their classrooms, and volunteering at most of the PTA events and fundraisers at our school. Nicholas is a Principal’s List student and former recipient of the school’s Citizenship Award. Nicholas is a member of the Science Olympiad, Band, Robotics, 3D Modeling, Yearbook and STEM clubs.

ROBERT C. DODSON SCHOOL

Girl: *Barbara Figueroa*

Barbara is a student who shows optimism, motivation, persistence, and self-advocacy. She shows interest in everything she is learning. She is a great listener, participant, very cooperative, and willing to learn something new each day. Additionally, she has excellent grades. Barbara has a great relationship with adults and peers, and a great sense of respect for everyone.

Boy: *Steven Garcia*

Steven is a respectful and hardworking student. He is a student who exudes helpfulness. It is common to see him assisting teachers, other students, and cafeteria staff. He enjoys participating in all the service projects within our school.

WILLIAM BOYCE THOMPSON SCHOOL

Girl: *Shyanne Calloway*

Shyanne is a productive member of our school community. She has shown good citizenship and has been a wonderful role model for other students in the school. She is currently the secretary for our Student Government and brings new and innovative ideas to help enhance our school community. Shyanne has participated on sports teams and has helped play an active role in fundraising events for the school. Her love for school transcends what is expected of her, as she is always searching for novel ways to help improve the school community.

Boy: *Cesar Barrera*

Cesar Barrera has been a productive member of our school community. He has shown good citizenship and has been a wonderful role model for other members in the school. Cesar has participated on sports teams and has helped play an active role in fundraising events for the school. His love for school transcends what is expected of him, as he is always searching for novel ways to help improve the school organization.

YONKERS MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Girl: *Stefanie Serratore*

Stefanie is a consistent role model for her classmates. As a student of Italian, Stefanie not only enjoys learning about cultures and language, she willingly and expertly shares her skills and knowledge with her friends. Stefanie has shown maturity, courtesy and competence far beyond her years. She is always polite

and hard-working. She never needs prompting to complete a task, regularly surpasses expectations for her age group and endeavors to challenge herself with higher thinking practices.

Boy: *Donal Connaughton*

Donal is an exceptional all-around student with grades in the high 90's in all of his classes. Donal is always in class, on time and completes his work. He is willing to help a peer/teacher, kind to his classmates, take a risk, and gives his very best. He greets his teachers and thanks them on the way out with a smile. Donal is an active member of the YMA community and Yonkers community participating in many enrichment programs, community service projects and activities. He is a well-rounded mature young man with tremendous potential for future growth.

PALISADES PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Girl: *Alondra Huaman*

Alondra is a hardworking and dedicated student. Her friendly smile makes it easy for her to make friends. She is always ready and willing to help others whenever she can. She volunteers during lunch to help other students who are struggling academically.

Boy: *Julian Vargas*

Julian is an outstanding student. He is an ENL student who has worked hard to achieve and maintain success. He is one of my top students. He is often found helping other students in the class who are not as advanced in the language as he is. He is dedicated and hardworking and goes above and beyond with all that he does.

YONKERS MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Girl: *Cyril Prince*

Cyril is a self-motivated student who contributes to all aspects of the school. She is well liked by her peers and continually proves to be a leader. In addition to being a role model and overall great person, Cyril volunteers with our sixth-grade teachers and serves as a mentor for some of our younger students. She is always demonstrating positive behaviors and is an asset to our program.

Boy: *Mansib Anan*

Mansib is a phenomenal young man who consistently displays excellent character. He treats all members of our school community with the utmost respect. He volunteers his time, energy, and empathy to help others. He spear-headed a Rubik's Cube Club, organizes our laptop carts, offers academic help to his peers and always shares a kind word to all he meets.

Patricia A. DiChiaro Memorial Award

(Sponsored by YCPTA)

Awarded to an outstanding 8th Grade student, who has demonstrated a strong commitment to give generously of their time and energy, most uniquely, in service and concern for others in a selfless manner.

8th Grade Boy or Girl

****District Wide winners**

SCHOOL 5

Devon Seignious

Devon is a very dedicated and hardworking young man. He is an asset to our school community. In addition to volunteering his time to help others through the MBK program, he also gives up his recess to help

seventh graders during their science class, reaches out to his peers when they are absent or need help studying, mediates issues between peers to make sure everyone gets along, and helps other teachers during his 8th period prep time as part of the Organized Students Club.

PATRICIA A. DICHIARO SCHOOL

Leigha Scheman

Leigha is a bright, creative and inquisitive young woman. She is a lifetime learner who loves to explore new topics. Her enthusiasm for learning is outstanding and she puts great effort into everything she does. Leigha is socially, emotionally and academically well rounded. She volunteers at the Yonkers Marathon, Midnight Run, Project Hope, Autism Awareness and is cultural awareness leader at a local synagogue. She is an asset to our community.

SCHOOL 13

Mikayla Teixeira

Mikayla shows a true love for learning and strives to understand the “bigger picture” of what is presented to her. She isn’t afraid to be herself and embraces anyone who is willing to challenge her. She works hard to achieve her academic goals, was awarded student of the month and has received honor roll. She is always willing to help the school and community. She’s a role model to her school and is active in student government. She has also volunteered for Helping Hands.

PAIDEIA SCHOOL 15

April Bitetti

April is a delight to have in class and always brings a smile. She participates during class and thoroughly enjoys learning. April is an excellent student. April is eager to help anyone who is in need; this derives from her family. April volunteers at her local library, helping younger students with their school work. April has made many contributions to the school community specifically performing in the school’s theater shows. She has been a Girl Scout since second grade. She values the importance of teamwork and community building and keep the garden beautiful at 15. April also plays softball and figure skates.

SCHOOL 16

Aleah Valenzuela

Aleah is a bright young woman! She is motivated and always gives her all to any task at hand. She goes above and beyond to help others. She helps and organizes all 8th grade activities and is a role model to all those around her. She plays on the school’s basketball team. She also volunteers at her church helping with the younger children. Aleah will be missed at School 16!

SCHOLASTIC ACADEMY FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Alondra Ponce

Alondra epitomizes what it means to be a Scholastic Academy Bulldog. She shows pride in her academic work, her school community, and her relationships with her peers and teachers. Alondra is a respectful and dependable young woman and will always go out of her way for others. She is one of the most positive students we have here at Scholastic; her smile and positivity is infectious. Alondra is an avid reader and her strong core family values shine through in her work and her family’s time spent volunteering in our school community.

EUGENIO MARIA DE HOSTOS MICRO SOCIETY SCHOOL

Abigail Escobar

Abigail is a caring person who works diligently to complete all assignments. She has a big heart and is always willing to lend a helping hand and encourage others to do their best. She is an activist in her community, fighting for the rights of immigrants.

SCHOOL 23

Cristy A. Rosa Rivera

Cristy is a positive role model to her peers and the younger students alike. She is an academic performer and is consistently on honor roll. She follows all the school rules and tries her best to do what is expected of her. She volunteers in the after-school program and is usually the one asked to handle various tasks in the building. She likes to write and won a school wide contest for it. She is also on the intramural sports teams.

CASIMIR PULASKI SCHOOL

Sean Godfrey

Sean is a student all faculty and administration admire for his kind nature, good sense of humor and dedication to his studies. Sean is able to create a balance of relationships with his peers and adults in the building that allows him to take on leadership roles effectively. Sean is a Boy Scout, student athlete and actively maintains a community service and volunteer schedule while maintaining an impressive average. He speaks up for others and is always ready to lend a hand during school events and functions. He is an upstanding young man.

KAHLIL GIBRAN SCHOOL

Yasmeen Butt

Yasmeen has been a longtime contributor to our school community, both in and out of the classroom. Aside from her stellar attendance and academic performance, she also consistently seeks out opportunities to help those in need. She started a fundraiser for a family in the school that was displaced by a fire. She also volunteers on the school newspaper. Yasmeen has also given generously of her time, on a daily basis, to tutor and mentor younger children here in our building.

WESTCHESTER HILLS SCHOOL 29

Gabriella Dimalanta

Gabriella is a bright, caring, and dedicated student who is committed to not only individual academic success, but also to the success of her peers. She is always willing to assist her peers when they struggle with a lesson. Gabriella is a leader in and outside of the classroom and is willing to be a part of whatever she can to make her school shine. When she puts her mind to a task she completes it to the best of her abilities, using prior knowledge and information from the outside world to relate to, and make deeper connections. She portrays a selfless student who is dedicated and committed to the success of all.

SCHOOL 30

Isabella Negro

Isabella is a nice person. Most of her peers have a story about how she has helped them in some way or how her pleasant demeanor has helped to brighten their day. Many of her peers will tell you, "Isabella is the nicest person I know." While our society often overlooks this as a positive attribute, there is truly no better description or epitaph a person can make for another. To be nice to others, like Isabella is, is truly a laudable attribute of the highest order. In addition, Isabella is hard working and a truly special person.

FAMILY SCHOOL 32

Emily Hernandez

Emily is an exemplary student and citizen. She was one of our “Upstanders of the Week” this year for her efforts to combat bullying at school. She is a “renaissance” young woman; excelling academically, socially, morally. There has not been a school event she has not volunteered to assist with. She is part of the drama club, school safety patrol, prom committee and she even finds the time to work on her golf game. Emily has garnered the admiration of peers and faculty alike.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ACADEMY

Cindy Aurelio

Cindy is an impressive young lady who has the ability to tackle difficult academics. She is in honors science and the extended learning program for math. She helps everyone in the school community. She is talented, caring, intuitive, dedicated, and focused in her pursuits. Cindy consistently seeks out constructive feedback so she can improve her ways. She was student of the month and loves to help others because it is important to live a good life. She has also helped in the community by helping to clean up local parks.

CROSS HILL ACADEMY

Shantey Soto

Shantey is a selfless student who is ready, willing and eager to help classmates with their academics in every class. She is a valued member of the Cross Hill Student body and volunteers to assist in classroom activities as well as school-wide activities. She has assisted in our fundraising activities through contributions, helping with organizing and advertising, and giving her time. Sarah helps with peers and younger students whenever she is asked.

CESAR E. CHAVEZ SCHOOL

Maijelyn DeSena

Maijelyn is a wonderful student and hard worker. She is a good citizen and has a sweet disposition. She is always willing to be there to help others no matter what. She is a wonderful role model to the school community and is always looking to make the world a better place. Maijelyn is conscientious and values her education and the learning experiences of others in the classroom. She is an outstanding student who has often received High Honors. She truly loves her school, her classmates, and teachers and shows it each day through the respect she demonstrates for all of our community members.

ENRICO FERMI SCHOOL

Jayson Burt

Jayson is an exceptional student with many positive attributes. He is an extremely hardworking, driven, inquisitive and determined. He advocates clearly for his education and has his educational goals in focus. Jayson is a well-rounded individual. He not only has the academic drive and dedication, but he is also active in many clubs and athletics. Jayson is part of student government, photography club and literary magazine. He is on the school basketball and baseball teams. Jayson is the epitome of this award.

PEARLS HAWTHORNE SCHOOL

Melina Alvarado

Melina is a lovely young lady who believes that service and volunteerism should be a part of everyone's daily routine. Melina as well as her family, are actively involved in helping with many service activities in the city, such as the Yonkers Marathon, Yonkers Idol, and a variety of events for Senior Citizens. In the

school community, Melina volunteers her time to assist with the PEARLS Winter Carnival and Hootenanny. In addition to her outstanding service, Melina is a kind individual.

ROBERT C. DODSON SCHOOL

Aylen Garcia

Aylen is an excellent student with a strong work ethic and a refreshing, pleasant personality. She consistently puts forth great effort into all of her assignments and is always up for a challenge. In addition to her strong academics, she has established a great rapport with administrators, teachers and her fellow students, and as such was elected to the Robert C. Dodson Student Government. Aylen takes great pride in everything she is involved in and always goes above and beyond on any task. She is a great role model who makes a positive impact on younger students throughout the entire building.

WILLIAM BOYCE THOMPSON SCHOOL

Ashley Brown

Ashley is the quintessential student. She is a go-getter who uses obstacles as step stones to accomplish her goals in life. Ashley is currently the President of our Student Government and is also on the Principal's List. She is a wonderful example for our younger students and is always looking to improve the school. Ashley has initiated food drives, toy drives and other fundraising events to help out her school community. She has also visited nursing homes to provide company and to help bridge the generational gap. She is selfless in her contributions to the school and always makes herself available to help those in need.

YONKERS MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Annabelle Bradley**

Annabelle is not only an exceptional student, she also aligns herself with Maria Montessori's guiding principles of Learning, Hard Work, Respect, Peace and most of all Community. Annabelle wants to work to improve the lives of others because she knows it will improve the world. Whether she is marching in Washington against gun violence, women rights, helping to feed families in need or reading to elementary students she wants to make a difference. She is a girl scout, a member of the LBGC, a volunteer at Untermyer Park and a student member of the PTA at Montessori 27. She has also advocated for funds for our schools by speaking at a City Hall meeting.

PALISADES PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Jazmin Ruiz Hernandez

Jazmin is an excellent student. She is hardworking and dedicated. She goes out of her way to always help other students whenever necessary. She often gives up her lunch period to help staff members. She is responsible for the daily class monitoring sheets and is diligent to make sure that the form is filled out by every teacher on a daily basis. She also volunteers in her community at her Church school and Summer Reading Buddies.

YONKERS MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Anthony Kam

Anthony is a student who volunteers his time to help others. Anthony volunteers with our sixth grade teachers and serves as a mentor for some of our younger students. He has also helped in the extended learning program. He consistently displays excellent character to staff and students. He is on honor roll and has received the citizenship award. He participates in extracurricular activities and likes karate the best.

Mabel Bell Scholarship Award

(Sponsored by YCPTA)

The Mabel Bell Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding High School graduating Senior for dedicating time and effort in a multitude of activities. A student who unselfishly volunteers of himself/herself through school and community, and who is respected by his/her peers.

WINNER: ***Chloe Gjoka***

YONKERS MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

Chloe Gjoka is a kind, generous student and truly has a love of learning. She is always the first to volunteer when the need arises in school and also volunteers at Sunrise Senior Living, the Grinton I. Will Public Library, the Community Corps, and is a Gay-Straight Alliance officer who seeks to promote an environment where all people are accepted. She co-owns an informative social media page on human rights abuses. She is a Students for the Arts Vice President and received an internship with Cat Rickman for social media and web design. She will excel as a future academic leader.

Paul M. Mitchell Humanitarian Award

(Sponsored by YCPTA)

Awarded to a graduating High School Senior for showing concern for others through school and community involvement. A student who has shown outstanding ability to deal justly with all regardless of racial, religious, ethnic or economic background. A student actively engaged in promoting human welfare and social reform.

WINNER: ***Melissa D. Hall***

YONKERS MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

Melissa Hall is a hardworking, mature, student who takes charge of her learning. She is a Junior Docent at the Hudson River Museum. She is a leader and one of the most reliable members of the team. She is Vice President of the program's advisory board which started community initiatives such as Jeans for Teens. She also volunteers at blood drives, soup kitchens, and is a camp counselor at her church. She is now volunteering to raise money for Mary's Meal which educates children in Africa. She has a bright future ahead of her.

Millie Yochman Special Recognition Award

(Sponsored by YCPTA)

Awarded to a High School Graduating Senior officially designated as an exceptional student by the Committee on Special Education. The Student must show interest in further pursuing his/her education, and shows good citizenship by contributing to the welfare of the school. A student who shows growth in achievement within the scope of a total academic program.

WINNER: ***Mark G. Torres***

SAUNDERS TRADES AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Mark Torres is a student in the Automotive Technology magnet at Saunders Trade and Technical High School. Although he has had many struggles throughout his life he has become a diligent student. He is proud of his accomplishments in high school, making honor roll for the first time as a senior through his hard work and perseverance. He has volunteered with the Key Club, Christian Club and the Start with Hello Club. He is a respectful and determined young man and will be the first in his family to attend college. We will see great things from him in the future.

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