



Mayor's Youth Commission Awards announced for the third quarter 2022/23 school year

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KENOSHA-- The Mayor's Youth Commission created an awards program to recognize the community's youth for their outstanding personal achievements and the important, positive contributions they make to the Kenosha community. Nomination forms can be obtained in the Mayor's Office, Room 300, in the Municipal Building, or on the internet at www.kenosha.org under the tab Mayor/Administration.

For the third nomination period of the 2022-23 school year, fifteen students met the criteria to be presented with an award. These students were:

Kenneth Bisher is a senior at Tremper High School. He is an active member at the Church at New Life, a pitcher on the Kenosha Nationals team, and has been involved with the Kenosha Dream Playground Project (Special Inspirational Kids) and with the Kenosha Conservatory of Music (guitar/piano lessons). He is part of the National Honor Society, Tremper Renaissance Program, the Tremper baseball team, band, and yearbook. Kenny is a student that has shown perseverance not only with his academics through COVID by transitioning back to in-person learning, as well as personal struggles he was faced with the loss of a loved family member who he looked up to. His athletic activity was impacted when he tore his meniscus, and he continued to be a role model with all of his activities. He was nominated by school counselor, Brian Schultz.

Annabella Brown is an eighth grader at Lincoln Middle School, nominated by school counselor Sabrina Garner. Annabella has outstanding leadership skills and exhibits integrity in class, clubs, and extracurricular activities. She shows great pride as a member of Student Council and National Honor Society. Her sportsmanship has been represented through being a star member of the girls' basketball team, softball team, and track and field team. In addition, Annabella is a model student. She participates in class discussion, completes her work in a timely manner, and has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout her three years at Lincoln. She goes above and beyond in her academic achievements.

Marciara Fuller is a senior at Bradford High School, nominated by mentor Felicia Dalton. Marciara recently took part in Building Our Future's Cohort that facilitated a discussion between school board candidates for the second year in a row. In this cohort she worked with other students from Kenosha Unified School District to plan an event that allowed her peers and community members to hear the candidate views on issues most impactful to them. Marciara is also a member of the African American Female Initiative at Bradford High School. During the riots, Marciara painted a mural that focused not only on the present but the future of people of color at Diver Dan's. Lastly, Marciara is also active in the Boys and Girls Club as a member and mentor.

Marisa Heinzen, a senior at Tremper High School, was nominated by school counselor, Samantha Rodriguez. She has an extraordinary drive to take on rigorous honors/ AP classes all four years. Marisa has over 100 hours of community service such as volunteering for Link Crew and the Lance Cheer Team. She has been accepted to Carthage with a passion for political science.

Charlotte Johnson is an eighth grader at All Saints Catholic School and is an exemplary student who cares deeply for her classmates and her learning. She excels in all her classes by going above and beyond expectations. Over the years, she has been recognized for her writing in various essay contests, First Academic Honors 4.0, and most recently First Place in All Saints Catholic School's Spelling Bee- all while traveling and performing with her ice skating clubs. Her goal is to inspire others, and she does so by modeling empathy, fortitude, honesty, and patience. She is another teacher in the classroom. She is a natural leader. Charlotte was nominated by Francesca Capelli.

Sasha Johnson is an eighth grader at Lincoln Middle School. She exhibits outstanding academic achievement by maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. Her academic accomplishments have earned her a nomination and induction into the National Junior Honor Society. As an honor student, Sasha finds the time to lead in Orchestra and other extracurricular activities while consistently maintaining her 4.0 GPA. In addition, she possesses natural leadership qualities that have given her the achievement to be elected as class president by the student body as well as Student Council members at Lincoln. Sasha was elected president of her local 4H organization this year. She leads with positivity and integrity. Not only is she a competitive swimmer at the Rec Plex but also a member of the track team at Lincoln. Sasha has great sportsmanship. Sasha was nominated by school counselor Sabrina Garner.

Morgan Kelsey is a senior at Bradford High School who is a true leader in and out of Bradford. While her school and community involvement is impressive, her title of the Distinguished Young Woman (DYW) of Kenosha makes her truly deserving. The DYW competition is based on high academic, positive character and school and community involvement. Morgan was nominated by school counselor, Robin Mars.

Madlie Kless is an eighth grader at All Saints Catholic School where she is very involved. Her engagement includes Safety Patrol, Student Council Publicity Chair, as well as cast and crew member of the Middle School musical. Additionally, she is a member of the track and field, basketball, and cross country teams. Madlie is as involved as a student can be, and she is enthusiastic and excited about it all. Madlie was nominated by Mrs. Mary Aicher.

Myisha Noble is a senior at Tremper High School. Last month, Myisha was one of the two student masters of ceremonies for the African American Youth Initiative's Black History Month acknowledgment and celebration at Tremper. She also had a prominent role in educating her classmates during the entire month of February. She was one of the main presenters in the student videos that were shown each week leading up to the event. Myisha has been impressive in her ability to balance high-level academics and extracurricular activities while at Tremper.

Carlos M. Rivera Acevedo, a junior at Bradford High School, was nominated by Wendy Johnson. Carlos is a Boys & Girls Club member, and also a member of our Be Great Graduate program. He has been involved in the Environmental Club, president of Latino Empowerment, and track. His academic success includes receiving six college credits and having completed 243 hours of community service. Carlos is a great leader and has been a leader of many organizations through Bradford High School. He is an inspiration to all he comes in contact with, and a great example to his peers.

Olivia Robertson is a senior at Indian Trail High School who is a rare find among youth. She has led meetings, planned events, planned activities for a girls youth group, and prepared lessons. In addition, she also volunteers at school through The National Honor Society by volunteering at multiple blood drives and assisting with fundraising efforts and at sports events. Olivia is also involved in other school activities, namely tennis, soccer, DECA, Link Crew, Youth Apprenticeship, Family, Community, Career Leaders of America (FCCLA), and Forensics. She maintains a very high GPA, has a job to earn money for college, and she attends an early morning church class before school each day. She is a person of integrity and high moral character. Olivia was nominated by her church youth leader, Jennifer Seivert.

Madalyn Scheppler, an eighth grader at All Saints Catholic School, was nominated by teacher Suzette Bilotti. Mady is an outstanding student at ASCS, and her academic performance is witnessed by her grades and ongoing recognition of First Honor Roll. Her grades are no surprise, as she is an active contributor in classroom discussions and takes great pride in her work. In addition, Mady displays leadership qualities both in the classroom and with the many extracurricular activities she is involved in. She has been a member of Student government throughout her Middle School career, participates in weekly school masses, in choir and in stage crew for many theater productions. Her talents and leadership skills are also shown by being a member of the school's volleyball team. She is the one you will notice regularly giving pep talks and encouraging others.

Vincio Truong is an eighth grader at All Saints Catholic School who participates in the school's choir and soccer. He attends mass every weekend and participates in school mass every Tuesday. Vincio has received first honors (4.0 GPA) all year so far. He also helps out his classmates with studying for any class, which includes making study materials. He always works diligently, and is intensely focused. He is a role model, and his classmates see him as such. He is one of the hardest workers in the class. Vincio was nominated by teacher Laura Clements.

Camdaen Vorpapel, an eighth grader at All Saints Catholic School, was nominated by teacher Sr. Mary Doris Anne Okere. Academically, she has First Academic Honors each quarter and has read and met the 40 Books Challenge which met the school's yearly reading challenge. She has been awarded the VIP (Virtues In Practice) Student of the Month for courtesy, generosity, diligence, fortitude, and honesty. Furthermore, she is part of the school's girls volleyball, track, and cross country teams. After school, she participates in a Religious Education program and volunteers in the second and third grade classes.

Elizabeth Whitter, an 11th grader at Tremper High School, was nominated by counselor Matt Kellner. Elizabeth is a top note student who plans on taking her excellent academic achievements to a selective four year college. Liz has given over 100 hours of community service to projects like Feed My Starving Children, supports music and Boy Scout projects and helping to support various parts of Tremper. She will be competing at the state Solo & Ensemble for visa solo, viola duet, quartet, string choir, and chamber orchestra.



Back Row from left: Morgan Kelsey, Marciara Fuller, Marisa Heinzen, Kenneth Bisher
Front Row from left: Madelyn Scheppler, Olivia Robertson, Annabella Brown, Carlos M. Rivera Acevedo, Sasha Johnson, Mayor John Antaramian, Madlie Kless, Camdaen Vorpapel, Elizabeth Whittier, Charlotte Johnson, Vincio Truong. Not in attendance is Myisha Noble.