

Mayor's Youth Commission Awards Announced for the 4th Quarter 2024 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 fourth nomination period of the 2023-24 school year, eleven students met the criteria to be presented with an award. These students were:

Garrison Bryant is a Senior at Lakeview Technology Academy. Garrison co-founded the "Young Women's Forum" at Lakeview and continues to educate students and staff about women's issues as well as accomplishments of women in history. Garrison is a member of SkillsUSA and recently won the state competition in prepared speech. She will compete at Nationals in Atlanta in June.

Garrison is a selfless young lady with a great passion for social issues. She works tirelessly to inspire those around her to not only achieve success, but also to engage in civil discourse to affect social change. She is truly a unique person and a great student leader.

Layton Fenderson, is in fourth grade at Roosevelt Elementary. Layton is consistently kind and respectful to everyone. He is always willing to help others and be inclusive. Layton recently bought a recorder for another student who needed one for music class. He offered to buy one for other students who may also need assistance getting their instrument. This award is well deserved because Layton has stepped up to help students over the years, not just in one instance. He represents all of the characteristics we teach at Roosevelt and is always respectful, responsible, safe, and

ready to learn.

McKenna Furst is a senior at Tremper High School. McKenna is a very hard-working student who has been very involved in creating a positive school culture. She is involved in cheerleading and golf, as well as Link Crew. She is always willing to advocate for herself and others and has challenged herself with AP Honors classes.

Porter Hoffman is a fifth grader student at Nash. Porter is a respectful young man that is always thinking of others and taking the time to help other students. He always makes sure that all kids are included. Inclusion is such an important part of our education system. Porter makes sure that all students feel important. This simple act shows the character and heart of this young man.

Norberto Lopez is in eleventh grade at Tremper. Norberto is a member of the NHS and Tremper Swim and Dive. Academically, he is one of the top students in his class, earning almost all A's while taking some of the more difficult classes Tremper offers. Norberto's achievements in both academics and extracurricular activities demonstrate his dedication, discipline, and time-management skills. Placing 12th in the state for swim and dive indicates his athletic prowess and commitment to his sport. Moreover, his ability to excel in honors and AP classes while balancing these activities speaks to his academic aptitude and work ethic.

His reputation among both staff and students as polite and helpful suggests he possesses strong interpersonal skills and a positive attitude. Being well-liked and respected in the school community is a testament to his character and the positive impact he has on those around him. Overall, Norberto appears to be a well-rounded individual who excels in various areas of life, demonstrating a balance between academics, athletics, and personal qualities such as kindness and respect.

Nadia Perez-Rios is a senior at Bradford High School. Her efforts do not go unnoticed. Nadia has dedicated close to 100 hours of her time assisting her art teachers in the classroom and prepping the art projects for the next class. Nadia came in with a positive attitude, worked hard, set a good example to her peers and volunteered her time giving back to others.

Alilyanna Santiago is a fourth grade student at Frank Elementary. Lily has grown a lot since the beginning of school. She has a smile on her face and offers a helping hand every day. She is always up for a challenge and always puts forth her best effort. Lily is always there to help others, even when they don't ask. Lily shows respect to all staff and students at Frank and has empathy for all. Kindness and empathy should be recognized and awarded because it can be a difficult trait to show all the time.

Jaxon Swank is a fifth grader at Nash. Jaxon always makes sure that everyone in class is included, especially our special needs students. He invites everyone to be part of his group or team.

As stated, Jaxon invites our special needs students to be part of his group activities on his team at recess, and he makes sure they are participating as much as possible.

Leilani Torres Gomez is a second grader at Frank Elementary School. Leilani is a role model for her crewmates. She is a two time V.I.P. and a Character Leader of empathy and self discipline. She embodies all of our school's character traits: Craftsmanship, Respect, Empathy, Self-Discipline, and Trustworthiness.

Leilani has never missed a day of school this year, showcasing remarkable dedication and commitment. She is a happy and creative individual who inspires others with her original ideas. Leilani loves to learn, consistently focusing on tasks at hand, and she encourages her classmates to do the same. Her enthusiasm for exploring new concepts is truly admirable. She shows genuine care and consideration for her classmates, rushing to those who need any kind of help.

Leilani's empathetic nature shines through in all she does, making her a valued member of our classroom community. She has shown a remarkable level of maturity, responsibility, and dedication to her learning, which is truly commendable. Her positive attitude, kind-hearted nature, and dedication to be her best deserve to be recognized.

Milo Wickersheim is in second grade at Nash. Milo is an outstanding Nash student and it is an honor to recommend him for the Mayor's Youth Commission Award. Milo comes to school each day prepared and ready to learn. He consistently follows our school motto of kindness, respect, and hard work. Not only does Milo complete his school work with great care, but he goes above and beyond to further his learning.

Milo consistently shows great leadership qualities such as dependability and integrity. Because of this, Milo was asked to be a role model to a younger student. Milo volunteers 4 days per week being a positive peer role model by encouraging this student. When you watch the students work together, you would think Milo was a high school student with the way he encourages and leads the younger student. It is incredible to watch. We couldn't ask for a more dependable and caring role model for our younger learners.

Milo is a person that is making the world a better place. He is very deserving of this award. I look forward to seeing the many great things he does in our community in the future years.

Kayla Wiseman is a senior at Bradford High School. Graduating Magna Cum Laude with a class rank of 8th. She took two dual enrollment courses at Parkside University. Kayla has consistently demonstrated not only academic excellence but also an exceptional level of dedication and commitment to all her endeavors. Kayla is also part of the Symphony Orchestra, NHS, Link Crew, Student Government, and played softball. Her ability to balance a rigorous course load, active participation in extracurricular activities, and community service is truly remarkable. Her commitment to academic growth and success is evident in her graduation within the top 10 of her class but moreover successfully earning college credits while still excelling in high school coursework. Kayla has consistently demonstrated a high level of organizational skills and strong work ethic. Her ability to excel in all areas of her life is a testament to her resilience, determination, and passion for continuous growth. Her unwavering dedication to her pursuits make her a deserving candidate for this award.

