



**Mayor's Youth Commission Awards Announced for the 3rd 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](http://www.kenosha.org) under the tab Mayor/Administration.

For the third nomination period of the 2023-24 school year, ten students met the criteria to be presented with an award. These students were:

**Christopher Csukas** is a senior at Tremper High School. Christopher earned over 100 community service hours by volunteering his time with the Parents Liaison and also tutoring students that needed academic support. Christopher's willingness and empathy to help his community is evident in his work, but also through his constant ability to be kind and offer help to anyone he interacts with.

**Jillian Clark** is an eighth grader at Lance Middle School. Jillian is an outstanding student. She is a 4.0 honors student that is a leader in class through her effort and discussions. She takes pride in her work and encourages those around her to do the same. Jillian is a member of National Junior Honor Society, Chamber Orchestra and serves as a cheer captain. She stands out for her leadership and service to the Lance community.

**Sevaeh Dority** is a second grader at Frank Elementary School. Sevaeh is a role model to her crewmates. She is a V.I.P. and a Character Leader of Respect. She embodies all of the school's character traits: craftsmanship, respect, empathy, self-discipline, and trustworthiness. Sevaeh pays close attention to those that are speaking, waits her turn for things, takes care of others, and she helps out when needed. Sevaeh is a very artistic girl who inspires others to be creative. Her desire to learn and grow is also an inspiration to her crewmates. With her can-do attitude, Sevaeh triumphs in the face of challenges, advancing seven reading levels already this year. Sevaeh is a hard worker and a valuable member of the crew. Her positive attitude and kind-hearted nature deserve to be recognized.

**Kevin Espana** is a seventh grader at Washington Middle School where he is known for his passion for soccer and his skills on the field. Kevin is a great teammate always supporting others and giving 100 percent whether at practice or a game. He is a good student who works hard for his grades. He is a role model for other students, especially with new students. Kevin is one of the "go to" students who is always willing to step up and support a new Spanish speaking student. He gives them the tours, explains their schedule, and takes them under his wing to show them the Wildcat Way. He translates for teachers and students and makes sure new students get acclimated to their new school and environment. Kevin leads by example every day by meeting school and classroom expectations. His calm demeanor and sense of humor make him well liked by teachers and peers. Kevin also has a strong sense of right and wrong and is willing to step up when he sees a wrong. Doing the right thing isn't easy, even for adults yet Kevin showed his character and maturity in a challenging situation, speaking up regarding a peer and a friend.

**Alyssa Green** is a senior at Tremper High School. Alyssa has taken rigorous honors/AP classes throughout high school and actively participates in Tremper Student Government. Alyssa is an extremely hard-working and insightful student who is always willing to ask questions and advocate for herself.

**Evelyn Valdivia-Hernandez** is a ninth grader at Tremper. She is a positive role model for all students, offering to assist new students by helping them with their limited English skills. Evelyn has a desire to help new students have a positive experience at a large high school.

**Jordan Kuruc** is a seventh grader at Washington Middle School. Jordan is an outstanding student. Jordan shows up every day with a smile on his face and a compliment to almost anyone he encounters. He is renowned among his peers for his kindness, empathy, and unwavering support. Jordan has almost perfect attendance, a testimony to respect for his education. Jordan excels academically, consistently achieving commendable grades across all subjects. Jordan is a beacon of kindness and friendship, embodying the values of reliability, excellence, and compassion. Jordan is a new student to Washington Middle School this year. His dedication to personal growth and his commitment to positive change has been nothing short of exemplary. Jordan has not only overcome past obstacles but has emerged as a shining example of resilience, determination, and excellence. In recognition of his outstanding performance, exemplary character, and remarkable transformation, Jordan is truly deserving of the Mayor's Award. His journey serves as a powerful reminder of the potential for positive change within each individual and the profound impact that determination, resilience, and dedication can have on one's life and the lives of those around them.

**Laeleigh Mattner** is a fifth grader at Nash Elementary. Laeleigh is the type of student or person who puts 100 percent into everything she does. She offers to help in the classroom whether it is assisting teachers or other students. Laeleigh is also an exceptional musician. She plays the violin and although she has been playing and practicing for less than a year, she has already reached the highest goal for an elementary student. Outside of school, Laeleigh is very involved with the Rhode Theatre. She has performed in several shows and when she is not on stage, she is helping with ticket sales and concessions. Laeleigh is very proud of her grandmother and grandfather who also perform at the Rhode. Laeleigh excels at everything she does whether it is academic, musical, performing or volunteering. She has learned since kindergarten that kindness, respect and hard work pay off.

**Enze Price** is a senior at Tremper High School. Enze is in the top one percent of students in his graduating class academically. He has been an active member in Student Government, Key Club, Tennis and other activities during his four years at Tremper. Enze has continued to challenge himself academically, taking AP and honors level courses throughout high school, earning top grades each semester. He gives back to the school while serving in Student Government and in the Key Club.

**Anthony Smith** is a fifth grade student at Nash. The school pledge is kindness, respect and hard work. Anthony is all of these. He is always kind to all students, has a great attitude and makes sure

no student is left behind. Anthony constantly helps others, being a great role model for peers and always going the extra mile to make all peers feel special. He pushes himself to be the best version he can be. He also enjoys boxing. Anthony has an amazing heart of gold and is loved by all his peers. Nash Elementary is so lucky to have such a great student.