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Pennsbury Students Recognized for Fairness and Sportsmanship

(Fallsington, PA) -- Congratulations to the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award winners for December. Jordyn Elfvin-Porter*, Evelyn Beitler**, Ava Raniello, Caitlyn Martell, and Dante Sciolla*** were honored at the Pennsbury School Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, December 16, 2021.

The purpose of the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award is to recognize and reward students who embody exemplary character traits and behaviors. The character trait for December was *fairness and sportsmanship*.

Jordyn Elfvin-Porter is a fifth-grader at Penn Valley Elementary School and was nominated by Arlene Johnson, Lauren Dimitri, Anthony Fallacaro, and Barbara Hidalgo. She won her award in November for *responsibility* but was recognized at the school board meeting in December. Jordyn is a remarkably responsible student who volunteers for classroom jobs and loves helping other students who are struggling in class. She is a regular recipient of Penn Valley Panther 200 club strips and likes to compliment other people following the Penn Valley rules. At home, she is responsible for her chores and caring for her pets. Her nominators say that Jordyn is the go-to person if you need something done and done well.

Evelyn Beitler is a fifth-grader at Fallsington Elementary School and was nominated by Meagan Mauck, Tim Behe, Courtney Gould, Carey Stolber, Taylor Hunt, Lisa Chippendale, Jennifer Baxeter, Kristen Cahill, and Vinny DePaola. Evelyn is a great all-around student who displays commendable fairness and sportsmanship during athletic activities and throughout the entire school day. As a participant in “Girls On The Run,” she treats all of her teammates with respect, plays fairly, and makes sure to follow the rules. She exemplifies kindness and is always willing to help someone when needed. She is competitive but in a positive way. During violin class, she is always polite and thoughtful and offers encouragement to her peers.

Ava Raniello is a fifth-grader at Oxford Valley Elementary School. She was nominated by Shannon Little. Ava is a natural leader who encourages those around her to be their best. When there is a conflict or disagreement, she is quick to interject and lead the team to open dialogue to discuss and resolve the conflict. As a talented athlete, Ava plays hard but is always ready to jump in to assist a classmate who is less experienced or less confident. Ava’s sportsmanship, kindness, and sense of fair play bring out these same qualities in others while they are with her.

Dante Sciolla is an eighth-grader at Charles Boehm Middle School and was nominated by Chris Glaunert, Kevin Metzger, Colleen Veitz, and Melissa Vitucci. Dante is open-minded, respectful, and polite. In social studies when discussing politics, Dante always listens with an open mind and responds respectfully when he disagrees with a classmate. As a former member of the CB Heavyweight football team, Dante always brought a positive energy to practice and games. He still attended practices even when he was injured, just to support the team. During the faculty-student flicker ball game, he was competitive, but polite, and even offered an apology after colliding with one of the Teachers.

Caitlyn Martell is a senior at Pennsbury High School and was nominated by Frank McSherry. Caitlyn has played varsity softball since her Freshman year and, along with being one of the best players, she is also the most coachable and most humble. She goes out of her way to make underclassmen feel a part of the team. Every day you can “catch”

Caitlyn helping a younger teammate become a better player. Caitlyn is a role model for every student. Her work ethic and positive attitude help make those around her better players and, more importantly, better people.

Each month, students are nominated by teachers, staff, or administration, and then the winners are selected by LYFT and other community partners. LYFT is a group of volunteers, individuals, and organizations throughout the community that shares the common goal of strengthening and supporting Pennsbury students.

*Jordyn Elfvin-Porter was unable to attend November's School Board meeting, so she was formally honored at the December meeting.

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