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Pennsbury Students Recognized for Responsibility

(Fallsington, PA) -- Congratulations to the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award winners for November. Frederick Gallagher, Jordyn Elfvín-Porter*, Charlotte Rittersbach, and Donovan Zayas were honored at the Pennsbury School Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, November 18, 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 November was responsibility.

Frederick Gallagher is a fifth-grader at Afton Elementary School and was nominated by Adrian Stoffregen. Frederick demonstrates the qualities of a true leader. He offers help to fellow students who may be struggling with assignments after he completes his own. He is accountable for his actions and doesn't look for the easy way out. Frederick always looks out for his two younger sisters, and his interactions with his peers, teachers, aides, and lunchroom staff are always polite. Frederick also demonstrates responsibility in the development of his own business outside of school.

Jordyn Elfvín-Porter is a fifth-grader at Penn Valley Elementary School and was nominated by Arlene Johnson, Lauren Dimitri, Anthony Fallacaro, and Barbara Hidalgo. 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.

Charlotte Rittersbach is an eighth-grader at Pennwood Middle School. She was nominated by Team Integrity. Charlotte is a member of Pennwood's TV studio, where she assists in making the daily announcements. She always checks in with her homeroom teacher before doing so, without needing any reminders to be marked present for the day. In class, she takes responsibility for all of her assignments. If she is absent, she proactively emails her teachers to find out what schoolwork she has missed. Con

Donovan Zayas is a senior at Pennsbury High School and was nominated by Mrs. Woodring. Donovan is responsible, polite, and respectful to both his teachers and his peers. He is always eager to participate in all classroom activities and willingly reaches out to fellow students left alone to study or review materials. He comes to class prepared, maintains good grades, and is receptive to feedback from his teachers to improve his work.

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. She will be formally honored at the December 16, 2021 meeting.

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