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Pennsbury Students Recognized for Responsibility

(Fallsington, PA) – Congratulations to the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award winners for November. DeRonn Adams, Tai Spinelli, Balazs Herdlicska and Althea McHugh were honored at the Pennsbury School Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2022.

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**.

DeRonn Adams is a junior at Pennsbury High School and was nominated by Shannon Lynch. She says cadet DeRonn Adams is a proactive team player who has demonstrated his responsibility by creating a cadet induction process from scratch. He is also responsible for hiring new flight leads each marking period with his own established interview process. DeRonn is always proactive and focuses on the future of the AFJROTC program. Ms. Lynch noted in her nomination that DeRonn “is always exceeding expectations.”

Tai Spinelli is an eighth grader at Pennwood Middle School and was nominated by Jacquie Shafer. She says that Tai always takes the initiative when it comes making sure he understands assignments correctly. When teachers want to see Tai for Opportunity Period, he never forgets to go and always checks in with his OP teacher first. Tai is always willing to help his peers, and is a

positive influence by teaching them how to advocate for themselves. Ms. Shafer describes Tai as someone with strong personal responsibility, as well as respect and courtesy.

Balazs Herdlicska is a fifth grader at Manor Elementary School. He was nominated by Patty Kropp, Kristen Cimochoowski, Terri Salvucci, Donna Merriman, Katie Jones, Megan Edson, BJ Meurer, and Beth Brody. They describe Balazs as a phenomenal student with a wonderful personality and strong work ethic. During SPARK class, Ms. Jones says Balasz is always doing the right thing and making sure that all students have a voice. If his peers are struggling, Balasz takes it upon himself to help. Ms. Edson describes Balasz as “instinctively helpful.” He helps clean up after projects and always does what’s expected of him.

Althea McHugh is a fifth grader at Edgewood Elementary School and was nominated by Adrian Stoffregen and Kristen Marco. They said Althea is a helpful, respectful, and responsible member of their classroom. Althea demonstrates responsibility in a variety of ways: by asking about any instruction she might have missed, by being inclusive of other students, and by offering helpful gestures to everyone in her class. Althea’s nominators describe her as “intrinsically motivated.”

Each month, students are nominated by teachers, staff, or administration, and 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.

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