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Pennsbury Students Recognized for Caring and Service to Others

(Fallsington, PA) – Congratulations to the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award winners for January. Students Ava Gordon, Parker Bowman, Lucy Schopfer*, and Colin Estroff* were honored at the Pennsbury School Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2023. Morgan Lewis, a winner of December’s Fairness and Sportsmanship LYFT award, was also honored at the meeting.

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 January was Caring and Service to Others.

Ava Gordon is a fourth-grader at Fallsington Elementary School. Ava was nominated by Meagan Mauck, Terri Sherman, Kristen Cahill, Amy Murray, Debbie Hellmuth, and Vinny DePaola. They say that Ava stands out for her great character and kind heart. Ava is caring to all those around her all the time. In both the lunchroom and out on the playground, Ava always tries to cheer up and encourage her friends if they are having a rough day. She has done service projects through Girls on the Run and Student Council, and helped to organize Pajama Day for the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. No matter what the challenge, you can always count on Ava’s positive outlook and support.

Parker Bowman is a tenth-grader at Pennsbury High School and was nominated by Natalie Sutcliffe. She says, “Parker makes me want to be a better person. He is so sweet and caring to me and his classmates.” Parker joined Reading Olympics, Falcons for Orphans and UNICEF clubs this year. He greets his teachers and his peers with a smile every day. When asked about what he was thankful for at Thanksgiving he said. “I’m thankful for my teachers, bear hugs from my dad, retirement homes for my grandpa, and soft tacos.” Parker cares about what really matters most in life, caring for others. He is truly generous of spirit.

Lucy Schopfer is in the fourth grade at Afton Elementary School. She was nominated by Megan Wells, Trish Baehser, Laurie Gougher, Evon Moyle, Ryan Sodano, Kristin Slota, Julie Linkchost and Nick Terramani. They say that Lucy exemplifies the qualities of a caring student who is dedicated to serving others, but she never expects recognition or special rewards from anyone for her kind and honorable actions. Lucy is always ready to participate in school spirit days, and helps encourage others to do the same. As a student council representative, Lucy helped promote a Thanksgiving Food Drive and a PJ Day fundraiser for the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Lucy has been involved in Girls Scouts since kindergarten, and she makes trips with her troop to Pickering Manor in Newtown to play games and do crafts with the residents. Lucy helps others for the sake of being kind.

Colin Estroff is a sixth-grader from Charles Boehm Middle School. He was nominated by Colleen Veitz, Patricia Savidge, Deanne Billemeier, Jacqui Devlin, Kevin Perkins, and Mike Rosica. They say that Colin is a wonderful role model for his peers when it comes to concern for others. You can always count on him for a “good morning” or “hello” with a smile. He has gone out of his way to help and befriend a number of Ukrainian students who have a limited command of English. He makes sure they are included in social activities and helps them find their way to class. Colin is willing to go the extra mile when it comes to helping others, and is always respectful, helpful, and kind.

Morgan Lewis is a first-grader at Afton Elementary School. She was nominated by Michelle Corbett, Ryan Sodano, Kristin Slota, Evon Moyle, Trish Baehser, Laurie Gougher, and Erin Szogi. They say that Morgan is willing to work with any student in class, and does so with

encouragement and positivity. She is always there to congratulate others on their win, or cheer up her friends if they feel sad about losing. Morgan always takes turns in class, and often passes on her turn so that others can participate. She keeps a smile on her face, win or lose.

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.

*Lucy and Colin were unable to attend and will be honored at a future School Board meeting.

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