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Pennsbury Students Recognized for Integrity

(Fallsington, PA) – Congratulations to the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award winners for April. Students Cooper Phillips, Eden Johnson, Elisabeth Mizak, and Aaisha Memon were honored at the Pennsbury School Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

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 April was Integrity.

Cooper Phillips is a fourth-grade student at Fallsington Elementary School and was nominated by Jessica Popp, Sherri Cohoon, Meghan Mix, Carey Stolber, Timothy Behe, Debbie Hellmuth, Carly Sienko, Kristen Cahill, and Vinny DePaola. They shared that Cooper embodies integrity at a level well beyond his years through his consistent display of responsibility, honesty, and respect. He often helps others – not for accolades or recognition - but to simply help those who need it. Cooper works diligently to find solutions for any obstacles or challenges that come his way. He has a friendly, cheerful disposition and is well-liked and respected by his peers. He works well with others and will not hesitate to lend a helping hand if needed. Cooper is a model student who leads by example! Whether facing academic challenges or a social dilemma in class, Cooper consistently demonstrates honesty and ethical behavior.

Eden Johnson is a fifth-grade student at Penn Valley Elementary School and was nominated by Erica Krasselt, Pilar Otto, and Anthony Fallacaro. They shared that Eden is their 5th grade

student council president and looks for opportunities to do what's right, despite the influence of others. She is not phased by peer pressure. In SPARK, she consistently works hard to make sure her projects reach their full potential - and she helps lift her friends up as well. Eden shows academic integrity. She takes responsibility for her own learning and is not afraid to take on a challenge. Every day, Eden comes to Penn Valley and shows through her social interactions, and through her approach to academics, that she has chosen to live her life with integrity.

Elisabeth Mizak is an eighth-grade student at William Penn Middle School and was nominated by Cherie Lynne Kooker and Vince Jones. They shared that Elisabeth isn't afraid to be the upstander and support a classmate feeling alone or left out. She knows what is right, and does the right thing every time, even when it isn't easy. Elisabeth is honest, reliable, and fair. She takes responsibility for her actions. She lives and breathes integrity because it is right, not because someone is watching her. Elisabeth proudly puts her values into practice on a daily basis.

Aaisha Memon is a junior at Pennsbury High School and was nominated by Lina Blanchet. She shared that Aaisha is committed to opening minds and educating the school community about the richness and value of their diversity. The depth of her convictions and her willingness to join her values with real action are a true example of living with deep integrity. Aaisha recognized a need to speak up and seek support, and did so courageously. Aaisha has the clarity, focus, and energy needed to lead others to action. She intends to help Pennsbury be an even more welcoming place for all students.

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 share the common goal of strengthening and supporting Pennsbury students.

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