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## **Judith L. Snow Ethical Leadership Award 2020**

All of the students chosen for this award are exemplary ethical leaders. Each student knows her core values and has the courage to live them in all parts of her life in service to the common good. Each student is a principled ethical leader who leads with integrity, selflessness, dependability, caring, and fairness.

These four students are all outstanding examples of ethical leaders in our middle schools. It is our great pleasure to present to the Board of Education these four students as the 2020 Judith L. Snow Ethical Leadership Award winners.

Respectfully yours,

Lea Smucker

Judith L. Snow Ethical Leadership Award Committee

### **Emerson Middle School**

#### **Henry Morrison**

Henry Morrison stated: *"I believe it takes courage to be a leader, but in order to do so, you must also be a follower. I look up to those who I feel have strong leadership skills: cooperation, integrity, and respect."* Henry is committed to ethical leadership as evidenced by his accomplishments at school and in the community. At Emerson, Henry is a Soaring Eagle, active in Symphonic band, and played Peter Pan in Emerson's production of *Peter Pan* this year. He is also an inaugural member of the fundraising committee for the annual Emerson musical. One of his teachers stated *"Henry's leadership skills were evident to me from the first time I met him. What stands out about Henry is simply his nature—he is truly a natural leader. He stands out as a leader not just on one or two notable occasions—it's simply the way he operates."* In his community Henry has participated in Boys Scouts and has advanced to a

Life Scout- the rank before Eagle Scout. His scoutmaster describes him as *"good natured, hardworking, empathetic leader. The leaders in boy scouts are supposed to be servant leaders. Henry definitely qualifies as a servant leader"*. Henry's commitment to being an ethical leader was best stated in his thoughtful essay when he wrote, *" I always try to find what is ethically correct - not giving an unfair outcome based on how well you know or like people. This isn't always easy, but I find that making the right choice will make me a better role model."*

### **Emma Donohue**

Emma Donohue stated in her essay: *" work hard and try your best to be your best. I strive to be my best, but I also strive to help others be their best"*. Emma has exhibited ethical leadership within many areas of her daily life. Emma contributes to her school as a Soaring Eagle and participates in the Symphonic & Jazz band. She is described by her teacher as *"being one of the most polite, dependable and respectful students that I have ever taught. She also has an incredible work ethic and is always prepared and ready to improve her skills."* She gives back to the community by volunteering for Vacation Bible School. She was described as *"reliable, and putting her whole self into doing a great job all with a friendly and open spirit"* She summarized her essay well writing *"little acts of kindness are what I try to do and live by every day, because if I can make somebody's day just a bit better or make them feel a little happy, then it's worth it."*

## **Lincoln Middle School**

### **Cecelia Tecu**

Cecelia Tecu wrote in her essay: *"I live out the definition of ethical leadership everyday by following my morals/values and remembering to always be kind and respectful."* Her teacher writes *"Cece is one of those students you come across once every ten years or so. She is very outgoing, personable, organized, friendly, and the list goes on and on. She tackles problems head on. She leads by both being a vocal leader as well as by example."* Cecelia has exhibited ethical leadership in her school by being a WEB leader. Her passion for ethical leadership was summarized well in her essay when she wrote, *"I work to be a leader who is compassionate and caring so that anyone who needs anything can come to me for support. We need to be good to each other. I am dependable. I stick to my word and don't change it. If someone needs me, I make sure I am there to support them."*

### **Alan Voris**

Alana Voris wrote in her essay: *"I feel I represent all parts of an ethical leader, and show that throughout my everyday life."* Alana gives back to her school by participating in band and as a WEB leader. Her teacher writes, *"Alana is one of the most engaged students in any of my classes. I can depend on her to participate (and to motivate others to do so), to attempt any challenge in front of her, and to maintain a positive attitude and great sense of humor. Other students look up to her work ethic and thoughtfulness. She loves to learn and is intrinsically motivated to try her best in everything she does, from academics to music to athletics. She has many quiet leadership positions that allow her the opportunity to mentor younger students: in band, in dance, and as a WEB leader."* Alana summarized her essay by writing, *"I find myself to be an ethical leader in all aspects of my life. I find myself putting forth my best effort and caring for the others around me. I am reliable and dependable, and I put others before me. I live out my morals everyday and I strive to be the best that I can be."*