

Ontario County Youth Are Building Better Communities



Pictured above (from left to right) are Youth Board Members Michael Frost, Sumer Miller and Kayla Powers with the Honorable Judge Frederick Reed

The 2006 Annual Youth Recognition Awards sponsored by the Ontario County Youth Board, identified great young people doing great things in our community. These youth have chosen to do the right thing by exemplifying the demeanor and spirit that all people, adult and youth, should strive to achieve. The selection process begins with the schools that identify and nominate these youth for recognition. Taken into consideration for the selection are character, achievements, and civic engagement. The Youth Recognition Committee then reviews and selects one most outstanding youth for each of the 10th, 11th and 12th grades. Selection was a very difficult task considering the caliber of youth nominated for the awards.

The Honorable Judge Frederick Reed was the guest speaker who remarked that in his work as Family Court Judge, he sees the results of poor choices every day. The 2006 Youth Recognition Awards were an opportunity to see the positive things our youth are doing. These youth have taken advantage of the opportunities before them while creating opportunities for others.

The youth and adult members of the Youth Board took part in honoring these remarkable youth by telling the stories of the unassuming youth and distributing the awards. Taking part in the presentations were; Jimmy Delgado – Board Chair, Gayle Frost, Kayla Powers, and Sumer Miller. This effort was a true example of the power of Youth and Adult Partnerships working together to build a better community.

Recognized at the 2006 Awards were; 10th Graders; Samantha Latch of Midlakes Central School, Michael Pellittiere of Honeoye Central School, William Storrs of Canandaigua Academy and TaKeisha Martin of Geneva high School 11th Graders; Elizabeth Reinhardt of Midlakes Central School, Kristine Stull of Canandaigua Academy and Aaron Murphy of Geneva High School – 12th Graders; Jessica Case of Midlakes Central School, Kimber Clement of Honeoye Central School, Nathan Corso of Victor Central School, Tiffany Murphy of Canandaigua Academy and Shamire Archibald of Geneva High School.

The Most Outstanding 2006 Youth Awards went to; 10th Grader William Storrs of Canandaigua Academy – 11th Elizabeth Reinhardt of Midlakes Central School – 12th Grader Kimber Clement of Honeoye Central School. It is comforting to know that today's youth are well equipped and willing to create a caring and compassionate world.