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Yonkers Council of PTA/PTSAs  
Annual Scholarship Award Ceremony

Thursday, May 5, 2016  
Saunders Trades & Technical High School  
183 Palmer Road  
Yonkers, New York 10701

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## **PROGRAM**

### **Welcome**

Sophia Wu

Treasurer, YCPTA Citizenship and Scholarship Awards Committee Chairperson

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Molly Doran

PTSA Student, Yonkers Montessori Academy

### **YCPTA Meeting to Order and Elections**

Karen Beltran

President, YCPTA

### **Nominating Committee Chair**

Gretchen Kim

### **Greetings**

Mayor Mike Spano, City of Yonkers

Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Frank Siragusa

### **Awards Presentation**

Rosemarie Ann Siragusa Citizenship Award  
5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Patricia A. DiChiaro Memorial Award  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Mabel Bell Scholarship Award  
High School

Paul M. Mitchell Humanitarian Award  
High School

Millie Yochman Special Recognition Award  
High School

### **Closing**

## **Rosemarie Ann Siragusa Citizenship Award**

(Sponsored by the Siragusa Family)

Awarded to an outstanding Boy and Girl from the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade classes on a city wide basis, who have demonstrated respect for authority and fellow students, attendance and punctuality, care of school property and outstanding contributions to the school and the community.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys and Girls**

#### **SCHOOL 5**

##### **Girl: *Anisha Jones***

Anisha is a top student in her class. She always completes her homework and classwork. Anisha is always willing to volunteer her time and be a classroom helper. Anisha is a Girl Scout, she plays softball for her local club and is the youngest of five children. Anisha is soft spoken and a well respected young lady.

##### **Boy: *Karo Petrosian***

Karo is an honor student who is quiet, conscientious boy with a love for soccer, video games and trips to the beach. Karo participates in "Buddies" and enjoys his Kindergarten Buddy, Jacob. Karo and Jacob have a lot in common. Karo hopes to own his own car dealership in the future and wants to own a Lamborghini!

#### **PATRICIA A. DICHIARO SCHOOL**

##### **Girl: *Alana Power***

Alana always demonstrates respect for her teachers and fellow students. Alana is an extremely caring person who always puts others before herself, which she demonstrates in school, at home and in the community. Alana is always punctual, respects school property, personnel, school rules and in particular the school dress code.

##### **Boy: *Jeremy Thomas***

Jeremy enjoys playing with his friends, loves playing piano, has a strong interest in electronics and is always the first to help and motivate others, especially his peers. Jeremy is a curious young man who likes math and science. Jeremy is a very committed youth member of the St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church Sunday School organization in Yonkers, New York.

#### **SCHOOL 9**

##### **Girl: *Takia Oliver***

Takia is a highly motivated, responsible, and pleasant student. She always puts great effort into her work. Takia is a positive role model for her classmates and is a pleasure to have in class. Takia was also Student of the Month, and she is a member of the School 9 Student Government.

##### **Boy: *James Rabadi***

James is a pleasant, kind-hearted student who takes great pride in putting top effort into everything he does. James has great respect for authority and for all his peers, he enjoys helping the younger students and assisting the Security Officer daily. James loves playing sports and he is a member of the North Yonkers Knights football and baseball teams. James' goal in life is to be a Yonkers Police Officer.

#### **THOMAS CORNELL ACADEMY**

##### **Girl: *Giana Sarubbi***

Giana is a very respectful and pleasant student. She has grown both academically and socially, since the beginning of the school year. She puts forth great effort into her schoolwork and class work. Giana is always reading and willing to learn, both during the school day and in the after school program.

**Boy: *Malachi Nicks***

Malachi is a friendly child. He has a great sense of humor and gets along well with all of his peers. He participates often and contributes to discussions with great questions and comments. His absences are minimal and he arrives at school on time and ready to learn. He is responsible and participates in all after school programs.

**SCHOOL 13**

**Girl: *Dinora Lopez***

Dinora is an intelligent, mature, creative and witty young lady. She encompasses role model behavior inside and outside of the classroom. She exhibits all the qualities of a model student: studious, attentive and willing to work outside the box. She takes ownership of her educational experience and puts forth her best effort in anything she does. She is conscientious and cares about our community school, often helping out at various school wide events. She is well liked by her peers and works well with adults.

**Boy: *Brian Hernandez***

Brian is a well-rounded young man. He is mature, intelligent and displays positive community behavior. He is a good friend to all and an absolute pleasure to have in class. He works well with adults and his peers. He enjoys helping his teachers by tutoring other students, caring for the classroom by keeping it neat and tidy, or reading with a small group of his peers.

**ROSEMARIE ANN SIRAGUSA SCHOOL**

**Girl: *Sana Arshad***

Sana is a responsible, caring, and respectful student who aims for success. She possesses several positive attributes which have shaped her into a model student. Sana has an excellent work ethic and she enjoys challenging work. Furthermore, Sana's drive for excellence rubs off on her peers. She emulates the qualities of a dedicated, hard-working student who strives for success and it shows. Sana is an excellent asset to our school community. The staff and students at The Rosemarie Ann Siragusa School are proud to have her as an integral part of our school.

**Boy: *Alejandro Gonzalez***

Alejandro was chosen for the Citizenship Award at the Rosemarie Ann Siragusa School because he displays the attributes of an internationally minded student that are promoted within the Siragusa Global Academy. Alejandro is a knowledgeable student who eagerly tries new things and confidently shares his beliefs and experiences. He is a principled young man who displays honesty and fairness among his peers. Alejandro is respectful towards authority figures as well as his fellow students. He readily accepts new responsibilities and often takes leadership roles within small cooperative groups. Alejandro is an enthusiastic learner who exhibits an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and always strives to do his best.

**PAIDEIA SCHOOL 15**

**Girl: *April Bitetti***

April is a model student. She is respectful to her peers, staff and all adults she meets. April is invested in her education, as well as her classmates. She is quick to help her fellow peers when they are struggling and is never boastful. April received Principal's List and is always eager to offer insight into our classroom. Not only is April a Girl Scout, but also contributes her time helping with our charity fundraisers. In short, April is an all-around warm, compassionate, energetic, and driven young girl.

**Boy: *Nicholas DeRosa***



Nicholas is an outstanding human being who demonstrates good citizenship on a daily basis. He is a motivated, intelligent young man who maintains academic award status throughout the year. He takes pride in himself and his work. Nicholas is a compassionate young man who has a natural ability to empathize with those in need. He is well respected by his peers and the adults in our school community. Quite simply, Nicholas makes people around him smile.

### **SCHOOL 16**

#### **Girl: *Naomi Argueta***

Naomi is a happy girl who works hard. She performs at or above grade level in all subject areas. Naomi has the ability to think critically and solve challenging problems. Naomi is an active learner with a strong desire to succeed. She maintains a great rapport with teachers and peers and is helpful to all in the classroom. Naomi takes pride in abiding by school rules or policy and enjoys participating in all school activities.

#### **Boy: *Aaron Mathews***

Aaron is a pleasant, mature boy. He is a hard worker who takes pride in his work. Aaron is polite to teachers and helpful to his classmates. His work ethic and personality make him a role model to his peers. Aaron is an exemplary student and young man.

### **SCHOOL 17**

#### **Girl: *Ashley M. McGonigal***

Ashley is an outstanding student who contributes many interesting ideas and insights to the school and community. Ashley has worked closely with our Art Media specialist to produce a short iMovie highlighting the importance of conservation. Over the past several years Ashley has assisted lower grade teachers with their students during their recess time. Ashley continues to demonstrate a positive attitude towards learning and maintains good relationships with her teachers and peers.

#### **Boy: *John Michael Berbano***

John has a positive attitude. He is good natured and always works hard to achieve his goals. I have had the pleasure to know John since he was in the third grade. He consistently displays all the aspects of good citizenship. John is an upstanding student, who is not afraid to speak up when he sees someone doing something wrong. I have never met a student who values honesty and integrity as much as John. He recently completed a short conservation video highlighting the importance of protecting an endangered species with our Art/Media specialist. John is a tremendous asset to School 17 and the Yonkers Public Schools.

### **SCHOLASTIC ACADEMY FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

#### **Girl: *Alondra Ponce***

Alondra Ponce is a pleasure to have in class and an excellent role model for all her peers. Her selfless acts in the school community and compassionate nature are qualities that we only hope all students will develop. Her grades in all subject areas reflect her commitment to being a lifelong learner. Her strong work ethics and curiosity have enabled her to achieve above grade level performance in all subject areas.

#### **Boy: *Ulizes Atlixqueno***

A person of excellent character, morals, and values, Ulizes demonstrates compassion and kindness throughout the school community and is loved by all teachers and peers. Ulizes' academic achievements reflect his commitment to his school work and eagerness to learn. Ulizes' values and kind-hearted nature are qualities we as educators only hope to succeed in instilling in all of our students. His diligence in his studies and natural leadership skills exceed expectations, making him a terrific role model for his peers in

and outside the classroom. Ulizes' proactive approach and exemplary efforts in all subject areas are exemplified in his academic excellence and achievements.

### **EUGENIO MARIA DE HOSTOS MICRO SOCIETY SCHOOL**

#### **Girl: *Jeannette Egiziaco***

Jeannette is an excellent student who exhibits leadership skills in the classroom. She has been actively involved in civics throughout her elementary years in the Hostos MicroSociety program. Jeannette enjoys participating in classroom discussions. She has a cheery demeanor that has made her a friend to many classmates. It is a pleasure to teach Jeannette.

#### **Boy: *Bryan Velez***

Bryan is a hard-working student who is a leader in his class. He has been an active member of our MicroSociety Magnet Program at Hostos, holding jobs in the Bank as well as Hostos Micro University and the Newspaper. Bryan is an enthusiastic math student as he races to complete problems so he can assist others in solving them. He is a great friend to anyone he has contact with. It is a pleasure to teach Bryan.

### **SCHOOL 21**

#### **Girl: *Gabriela Zuniga***

Gabriela makes a fine recipient for the Rosemarie Ann Siragusa Memorial Award. Gabriela is always one to show respect to fellow students and teachers. She always presents a smile and is eager to learn something new. She has shown to be very generous to her fellow classmates and even baked cupcakes for them as a show of thanks. Gabriela takes school seriously and is always present and trying her best. She often shows concern for her school and environment by lending a hand whenever one is needed. When the school or class participates in an activity she is always there and contributes her time as well as her ideas. Gabriela really seems to enjoy the whole school environment, from the learning to the interaction with her peers.

#### **Boy: *Efstathios Plakas***

Stathi is an exceptional hard working student. He is a true gentleman and is always willing to help his peers. He is maintaining perfect attendance at School 21. He has made Honor Roll the last two consecutive marking periods. He enjoys going to church because he cares about others. In class, he is always willing to help all students. In a respectful manner he loves taking charge.

### **SCHOOL 22**

#### **Girl: *Joey Zhang***

Joey is a bright, intelligent, hard working young lady. She is diligent and responsible in all she does. She is a kind person who helps others when she can. She loves to read and enjoys having a collection of books at her disposal at all times. She is determined to do well and puts forth great effort in all she does. She is an asset to her class and school community.

#### **Boy: *Daniel Santos***

Daniel is a kind boy who is always willing to help others. He is a conscientious student, always putting his school work first. Daniel is considerate and compassionate. He cares about others and is always willing to help. He is a pleasure to have in the classroom.

### **SCHOOL 23**

#### **Girl: *Samra Shabir***

Samra came to our school in the fourth grade without knowing any English. From that time on, Samra has worked so hard to be a model student. She is an inspiration to all and is doing well in ELA and especially math. Samra is helpful to her peers and always courteous and respectful to adults and children of all ages.

**Boy: *Fayyaz Shah***

Fayyaz is a very respectful and honest student. He is an active learner throughout the school day and always tries his best. He has never missed an assignment and is always working efficiently during instruction. Fayyaz uses his time wisely, is well prepared and always arrives to school on time. His attendance is outstanding. He is well liked by his classmates and has compassion for his peers and others. Fayyaz is overall a great student who accepts responsibility for his learning.

**PAIDEIA SCHOOL 24**

**Girl: *Angelina Martinez***

Angelina is well deserving of the Rosemarie Ann Siragusa Memorial Award. Angelina always comes to school with a smile on her face and ready to learn. She is a wonderful role model to the other students in the class. She helps the other students when they are having difficulty with the class lessons, as well as being a friend to everyone at all times. Besides helping out her classmates, she helps keep our younger students safe by being a Paideia 24 hall monitor.

**Boy: *Wadi Alkam***

Wadi was chosen by an outstanding majority of his peers and confirmed by the staff here at Paideia 24. Wadi is always respectful of his fellow students as well as adults. He is a fine citizen as well as a strong student who offers his help whenever he can. He maintains excellent attendance and is always cooperative as well as attentive. He especially enjoys mathematics and is fondly referred to by his classmates as “the calculator”. Outside of school Wadi enjoys playing recreational soccer.

**MUSEUM SCHOOL 25**

**Girl: *Katelyn Reynoso***

Katelyn is a very well-rounded young lady. She enjoys reading, writing, math and drawing. Academically, Katelyn is in the top 3 of her class. Katelyn’s dedication to her education is evident in her willingness to help her peers. She is responsible, caring and creative.

**Boy: *Angelo Ortiz***

Angelo is a very conscientious student. He has leadership qualities and is dedicated to establish himself as a “mover and shaker”. Angelo has received a Student of the Month Award for March 2016. Clearly he is well liked by his classmates and teachers. Academically he is always at the top.

**CASIMIR PULASKI SCHOOL**

**Girl: *Annabella Lulgjuraj***

Annabella is an outstanding student. She is respectful and cooperative. As the situation demands, Annabella works with a group and is an active participant. Annabella is caring and shows sensitivity towards the needs and feelings of her peers. She exhibits a sense of personal commitment to helping her classmates. Annabella is a dependable communicator. She understands and expresses ideas and information confidently and creatively and in a variety of modes of communication. Annabella respects the values of her peers and is open to their points of view. She is an observer and connects with her peer’s reasoning and emotions. Annabella is responsive to the diversity of the students and accepts each and every student’s individuality.

**Boy: *Xavier Micka***

Xavier is an outstanding student. He is respectful, motivated and cooperative. Xavier shows an awareness of the appropriate times to show independence and when to actively participate in a group, usually as the leader. In addition, Xavier shows through his caring actions that he has an understanding, acceptance and respect of others values and is open to their points of view. Xavier appreciates the diversity of our

community and accepts the individuality of all people. An honest and dependable student Xavier can be counted on not only as an excellent member of our Casimir Pulaski Community but as a representative of the Yonkers Public Schools.

### **MONTESSORI SCHOOL 27**

#### **Girl: *Julia Azulay***

Julia is a mature and responsible student. What impresses me most about her is her inherent need to always be honest and do what's right by others. Julia is an exemplary role model to her peers, always demonstrating much patience and kindness when her younger classmates are in need of assistance. She does it all with a smile and approaches each task with a determined, can-do attitude. Julia deserves much recognition today for her academic successes, which are a result of her hard work, but she also deserves recognition for being the genuinely charismatic, kind-hearted and humble girl that she is.

#### **Boy: *Ryan Scanlan***

Ryan is an outstanding citizen of Montessori 27. He has an enthusiastic, creative approach to mathematics and his desire to learn and improve daily is admirable. As a participant in our Student Council and Safety Patrol Program, Ryan demonstrates an impressive respect of responsibility. Recently Ryan had the opportunity to perform the duties of Assistant Principal at school after winning an essay contest. During his day, he conducted meetings with the intermediate teachers, and made certain the students and staff had a productive learning day filled with fun.

### **KAHLIL GIBRAN SCHOOL**

#### **Girl: *Mia Fraitag***

Mia is a sweet and kind young lady. She works very hard in class and is always trying to do the best that she can in school. She volunteers as a hall monitor and helps any student that asks. She belongs to teams outside of school. She excels in all areas.

#### **Boy: *Harry O'Keefe***

Harry is a hardworking and dedicated student. He puts forth his best effort every day. He is a great classmate to his peers. He has excelled academically in all areas. He is involved in school activities; he is a stage hand for the talent show and has worked the scoreboard for the school basketball games.

### **WESTCHESTER HILLS SCHOOL 29**

#### **Girl: *Gabriella DiMalanta***

Gabriella is an excellent student overall. Gabby is helpful, kind and a pleasure to teach. She excels in all areas. She works hard and completes extra credit assignments. She makes all students around her feel happy and encourages everyone to do their best always.

#### **Boy: *Daren Lu***

Daren is an ambitious and responsible student. He has impressive math skills and enjoys sharing math strategies with his classmates. He is very generous with his time and very helpful to all. He has a kind word for everyone. Daren's sunny optimism and strong work ethic will ensure his successful future.

### **SCHOOL 30**

#### **Girl: *Isabella Negro***

Isabella is an outstanding member of the School 30 community. Her excellent school attendance, punctuality to class and conscientiousness in her work enable her to be a role model for other students.

Isabella willingly assists her classmates often putting their needs before hers. Her positive attitude and energetic spirit makes Isabella a shining star at School 30.

**Boy: *Angel Facal***

Angel is a computer savvy student who takes great pride in his school work. He hopes to develop programs and apps that will be used for entertainment and research in the future. Angel usually volunteers to help his peers when the opportunity arises. He is a very considerate student who sometimes puts the needs of others above his. Angel's leadership qualities are obvious during group/team work. He is always focused on the task at hand, and how to achieve stated goals. Angel's attendance is great.

**MONTESORI SCHOOL 31**

**Girl: *Abigail Gonzalez***

Abigail is a stellar student. She is a very diligent and conscientious student who excels in all content areas. Although she is incredibly proud of her Hispanic heritage, she genuinely appreciates and values the cultures, perspectives, and lifestyles of others. She has great school spirit. She takes pride in all she does and how she carries herself. She enjoys lending a hand to anyone at our school. You will often find her escorting younger children to their bus assignments, helping teachers decorate their classrooms or spurring her classmates to do their very best.

**Boy: *Michael Marchionna***

Michael is a respectful, conscientious, and extremely bright boy. He excels in all content areas and he is eager to challenge himself to reach his highest potential. He often volunteers to help his classmates in academics. He is insightful and very in tuned with the needs of others.

**FAMILY SCHOOL 32**

**Girl: *Jasmin Theeman***

Jasmin is very sweet student who is well-liked by all. She is very caring and always wants to help others. She makes the Family School 32 community proud.

**Boy: *Cristopher Altomare***

Cris exemplifies what it means to be an outstanding member of a classroom community. He is the ultimate model of kindness, generosity and humility. He enriches others simply by knowing him.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ACADEMY**

**Girl: *Kiomi Tenelema***

Kiomi is a hardworking, kind and helpful 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, she comes to class everyday prepared and ready to learn. Kiomi actively participates and is willing to help others. She comes for extra help if something confuses her. She is a welcome part of our class.

**Boy: *Jose Lino***

Jose is a student with a serious sense of purpose. He is in advanced reading and math groups. Jose is a good citizen; he models exemplary behavior and sets the standards for his peers. He is respected by teachers, administrators and students.

**CROSS HILL ACADEMY**

**Girl: *Sophia Lopez***

Sophia is a respectful and considerate young lady and she has a very positive attitude towards school and her passion for learning. Sophia is a leader and role model for her peers, always helping them during different situations.

**Boy: *Gabriel Cantos***

Gabriel is a trustworthy, responsible young man, his enthusiasm for learning is contagious; his peers learn and are engaged by his questions and discussions. Gabriel is a true leader and he has a great attitude towards school and his learning.

**CEDAR PLACE SCHOOL**

**Girl: *Ashley Tobar***

Ashley is always respectful and willing to help, not only teachers but her classmates. Ashley is always very punctual with attendance and homework. In addition, Ashley is on our school Safety Patrol Team where she always helps enforce safety daily.

**Boy: *Joshua Rocha***

Joshua is a role model not only in the classroom but in and out of school. Joshua brightens the Cedar Place building with his infectious smile. Joshua completes all work on time and helps any way he can.

**ENRICO FERMI SCHOOL**

**Girl: *Jimena Sosa***

Jimena is a well-rounded, lovely, girl. She is a well-liked member of our class. Jimena is a good role model for her peers because she displays good citizenship qualities.

**Boy: *Rodrigo Bautista***

Rodrigo is both kind and considerate. He takes pride in helping others. Rodrigo models great leadership qualities and his peers admire him.

**PEARLS HAWTHORNE SCHOOL**

**Girl: *Alma-Mark Fong***

Alma is an excellent student. She is always prepared and responsible. Alma helps others and goes above and beyond. She participates in many of our school programs.

**Boy: *Charles Xavier Brown***

Charles Xavier is well groomed. He is a diligent worker that excels in Math. Charles Xavier is cooperative and kind to others. He shows leadership skills and is always striving for excellence.

**ROBERT C. DODSON SCHOOL**

**Girl: *Karla Hernandez Medrano***

Karla is a respectful young lady who takes pride in her school work and school community. Karla does well academically and is always willing to help out her peers and teachers.

**Boy: *Samuel David***

Samuel is an exemplary young man. He does well academically and soars at being a wonderful young man. Samuel looks out for others and is always willing to help.

**WILLIAM BOYCE THOMPSON SCHOOL**

**Girl: *Ashley Brown***

Ashley is a perceptive, sharp, quick individual with a high aptitude for Math and ELA. She is the perfect person to get a project started but she also knows how to sit back and let others take the lead. Ashley's cheerful nature and compassion for others is a reflection in all she does.

**Boy: *Angel L. Matias***

Angel is a dedicated student who focuses on doing the best in class. He enjoys learning new and interesting things. Angel is constantly searching for ways to improve his overall academic performance. Helping others is part of his nature. Angel is always volunteering his time. He tutors his fellow classmates and participates in community service within Boyce Thompson School.

**YONKERS MONTESSORI ACADEMY**

**Girl: *Ana Ndoci***

Ana has been a positive role model for her peers throughout 5<sup>th</sup> grade. She has shown a great deal of dedication to school and meeting her goals. Ana has demonstrated progress in all subject areas and continues to work to her full potential in order to challenge herself with more rigorous activities. Ana has dedicated her recess period to the Special Education classes by volunteering her time to help in any way she can. This has been a big impact on the students in those classes.

**Boy: *Michael Buckley***

Michael is a conscientious, hard-working student who is committed to doing his best. He sets an example of excellence in behavior and cooperation. Michael is an intelligent student who enjoys learning any type of new information. He is always an active participant in class discussions, sharing information, thoughts and ideas. Michael brings with him a depth of background knowledge from his real life experiences. He sets very high expectations for himself by showing perseverance on challenging assignments.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys and Girls**

**\*\*District Wide winners**

**SCHOOL 5**

**Girl: *Citlalli Campos***

Citlalli is an essential part of our school community. She is a great help for teachers in both the lower grades and Special Education Classes. She frequently volunteers her time to work with struggling students and displays great patience and compassion for students with disabilities.

**Boy: *Zeeshan R. Yousafi***

Zeeshan is the “firecracker” many of his teachers rely upon to help motivate his fellow students to achieve beyond their perceived abilities. He selflessly volunteers his time to help others succeed. In this way, he is a role model for his peers.

**PATRICIA A. DICHIARO SCHOOL**

**Girl: *Kayli Brown***

Kayli enjoys Peer Mentoring/Tutoring her fellow classmates, she is an organized and insightful young lady. Kayli enjoys her time as a Girl Scout, playing sports for a local Youth Association. Kayli has maintained her Honor Roll Status quo while attending her outside of school activities including volunteering at her church community and is on the All-City Choir.

**Boy: *Ryan Walsh***

Ryan is on the Student Government and he is a Peer Mentor/Tutor for his fellow classmates. Ryan is an outstanding student with exceptional characteristics and exemplary sportsmanship. Ryan has delivered

Christmas Wreaths and shoveled snow for the elderly in his community. Ryan has aided Sister MaryBeth in a retreat for St. John's the Baptist Church in Yonkers.

### **SCHOOL 13**

#### **Girl: *Venus Samuel***

Venus is an active member of the Student Government serving as secretary. She dedicates her time to the school and community. She is a peer tutor for Living Environment and gives up her time to help struggling students. She is also a member of the School 13 basketball team. Overall, Venus has tremendous amount of respect for her peers and teachers.

#### **Boy: *Paul A. Gonzalez-Martinez***

Paul is a wonderful student who is dedicated to the school and his academics. He is a role model who demonstrates responsibility, respect, dedication, and leadership. He is the president of Student Government and the editor of the yearbook. He is a peer tutor for Living Environment and helps his struggling peers. He is a member of the School 13 basketball team.

### **PAIDEIA SCHOOL 15**

#### **Girl: *Bryana Smith***

Bryana is the type of student any teacher would be happy to have. She is diligent with her studies and plans her time accordingly. Bryana has made significant contributions to Paideia School 15's programs. Bryana has been an active member of the Dance Committee and Photography Club for the Yearbook. Additionally, Bryana has learned from her family how to give selflessly. In previous years, Bryana tutored elementary school students in Math and English.

#### **Boy: *John Rubeo***

John always contributes with helping the 8th Grade Dance Committee setting up and breaking down all necessary material. John is consistently helping his peers with class work or doing extra-curricular activities. John has an excellent outlook on life and this transcends into his academics. This spring he will take an active role in facilitating the 3rd Paideia Walk: The Miracle League of Westchester. John is also not afraid to stand up for what he believes.

### **SCHOOL 16**

#### **Girl: *Emily Mozdziak***

While Emily only joined our school in 7th grade, she has made a lasting impression. Emily has always behaved with the utmost respect, while also showing her enjoyment of school. She is an excellent, hardworking and dedicated student. Emily also belongs to our school's Peer Mediation Program, where she uses her calm and reassuring personality to help others.

#### **Boy: *Joshua Heron***

Joshua has been an outstanding student over the past few years. He is always on time and prepared to work hard. Joshua is very motivated to excel, and is ready and willing to offer assistance when needed.

### **SCHOLASTIC ACADEMY FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

#### **Girl: *Marilyn Cotto-Montanez***

Marilyn is very outgoing and hard-working. She is respectful and responsible. She always tries to do her best and stays on top of her school work. She helps teachers during her lunch period and works on the Yearbook Committee.



**Boy: *Jose Beltran***

Jose is a generous, kind person who is on the Honor Roll and has perfect attendance. Jose is the Table Leader in Spanish Class and is involved in the Morning Academy.

**EUGENIO MARIA DE HOSTOS MICRO SOCIETY SCHOOL**

**Girl: *Sonya Chen***

Sonya has strong interpersonal skills and is well regarded by her peers and other teachers. Not only is she academically a resource for the school, but she also displays good leadership skills in her active participation in extracurricular activities. She was team captain of the volleyball team, a current member of the basketball team and one of the main photographers for the yearbook committee. Furthermore, Sonya is always willing to help out her school community or others in need. She volunteered at the school's open house, PTA fundraisers and bake sales. She also helps tutor her peers who are struggling in math during class or after school hours.

**Boy: *Andy Guerrero Silva***

Andy demonstrated tremendous effort and growth throughout the year and brought a great energy to class. He has that combination of a positive attitude and the belief that he can always improve. That is rare in a middle school student; but so essential to the learning process. Andy's positive attitude and his dedication to improve is a positive example for his peers. He stays after school for extra help, gets extra tutoring during recess, and asks questions in and out of class.

**SCHOOL 23**

**Girl: *Maria Ariza***

Maria is a conscientious student who is always eager to help her peers and other students in our school. Maria regularly helps with Harvest Day and school fundraisers and always lends a hand to those in need.

**Boy: *Joshua Linang***

Joshua is an exemplary student here at School 23. He is extremely respectful to his teachers as well as his peers. Joshua demonstrates incredible determination and drive academically. He does well in all of his classes and is a model student all around.

**CASIMIR PULASKI SCHOOL**

**Girl: *Amy Marie Zapata***

Amy is always an extremely helpful student who takes initiative and seeks to become involved in any way she can. She is a positive presence in the building, and spreads that positivity in her interactions with her peers and adults. She is responsible, trustworthy and has great moral character. She has served as a role model to the younger students in our building.

**Boy: *Matthew Ishak***

Matthew is an excellent example of a Pulaski student. He always participates in programs and volunteers when help is needed. He is diligent, academically focused and kind to everyone. He was involved in our school's Holiday Readers program, as well as our school's drama program. He is someone who adults and peers turn to for help because he is always responsible, trustworthy and honest.

**KAHLIL GIBRAN SCHOOL**

**Girl: *Ayani Bell***

Ayani is a wonderful combination of hard-working and giving. She excels academically through outstanding effort. She gives up her recess daily to assist with our Pre-K students at lunch. Ayani is respected and admired by peers and teachers alike. She is an outstanding representative of Kahlil Gibran School.

**Boy: *Gabriel Correia***

Gabe is always available and willing to lend a helping hand...whether it be for a Pre-K student who needs help in the cafeteria; a fellow 8th grader who wants a partner to work on research; or a teacher who needs help rearranging desks. He is a hard worker, while always being kind and respectful.

**WESTCHESTER HILLS SCHOOL 29**

**Girl: *Samantha Santiago***

Samantha has shown commitment to her school community through her willingness to contribute her time and efforts to helping her peers and teachers in and outside of the classroom. Samantha puts her best foot forward when she is assigned to work independently or with her peers, because she is dedicated to achieve academically. She works to the best of her ability on each task assigned to her, and takes the role of being a leader in her groups. This quality of leadership that Samantha possesses is reflected through another one of her contributions, which is being a school project leader. Samantha also was chosen to read an essay to the Mayor of Yonkers, Mayor Mike Spano, and represented our school in two ballroom dancing events.

**Boy: *Sadik Gutic***

Sadik contributes to our school community through the same endurance he has when he plays soccer. He is dedicated to completing all of his assignments to the best of his ability and to the expectations of his teachers. He takes his knowledge, learning, and attention into achieving academic success, and then uses that for his peers' success. Sadik always volunteers to help students in his class when he is finished with his work because of his passion for helping others. He also contributes his creativity and original thoughts to classroom work and discussion in order to develop positive work and conversation in the classroom.

**SCHOOL 30**

**Girl: *Lisa Gentile***

Lisa is an outstanding student who is extremely responsible with her work, always respectful no matter who she's speaking to, and she is very reliable. She is a pleasure to have in my class.

**Boy: *Anthony Daria***

Anthony is an extreme pleasure to have in class. He is an asset to our school by being nothing short of responsible, respectful, hardworking, determined and a positive role model. Anthony has a persistent mindset and can accomplish anything he puts his mind to.

**FAMILY SCHOOL 32**

**Girl: *Emma Alters***

Emma is a staple on the Principal's List, and has been reading and writing above grade level for her entire academic career. In addition to being a superior student, she is Senior Class President. With the Student Government she has led the way on food drives, bake sales, elections and much more. Furthermore, this year she was one of the leaders in fundraising for "Quinn for the Win," when we had Yonkers resident, co-founder of the Ice Bucket Challenge and ALS patient Pat Quinn in for a motivational speech. She led her classmates in welcoming Mayor Spano when we were chosen as School of the Month, as well as when he inducted our Student Government. Emma also assisted this year with fundraising for the Michael Nolan Scholarship fund (a former 32 student as well) and has been an integral part of our 8th grade activities team, focusing on the yearbook and senior dance. Her outstanding character has also led for her to be chosen to attend our School 32 Brooklyn Nets trip and the Y2Y Leadership Conference. Some of her many accolades include the PAL Congeniality Award and being chosen as a Teacher's Assistant at her Hebrew School. She is sweet, generous, charming and buoyant.

**Boy: *Johan Delao***

Johan Delao excels in our rigorous academic environment, and is also a good citizen. He has never missed an assignment deadline, and has nearly perfect attendance in the decade he has attended Family School 32. Furthermore, he is an exceptional human being. You will often find Johan offering to help the student who has been absent catch up with his/her notes, contributing to the school bake sale, inviting the student sitting alone to play in the recess soccer game, asking a teacher how the weekend was, or how their family is doing.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ACADEMY**

**Girl: *Glory Moncion-Allen***

Glory has been a model student illustrating respect for adults and her peers, modeling exemplary behavior in the classroom and throughout the school environment and volunteering her time and support to the after school program. Glory's consistent efforts in her school work have helped her to improve her overall grade point average to the top five students of this 8th grade class.

**Boy: *Kevin Salvador***

Kevin is a hard worker and consistently works to improve academically. Kevin attends extended learning in the mornings and afternoons and has been available to assist classmates regularly. In class, Kevin actively participates and encourages his classmates to do the same.

**CEDAR PLACE SCHOOL**

**Girl: *Esther Angel***

Esther is an outstanding conscientious student who works hard to excel and do the best that she can. Esther is a sweet girl who focuses on what is required to be a stellar student. Esther has a positive attitude and is pleasant to all who are in contact with her. She is respectful to everyone and is a role model to others.

**Boy: *Bryan Garcia***

Bryan is a hard working student who is a positive role model to not only his peers but to the Cedar Place Community as a whole. Bryan has a positive attitude towards his education and puts forth great effort to excel. Bryan is a pleasure to have in class and is respectful to both peers and adults. Bryan is part of the 8th grade activities committee and is always available to help with anything. Bryan is an individual who makes good choices, and has good control over his own actions. He is not caught up in the middle school drama or nonsense and focuses on what's responsible and important. Bryan is a wonderful asset to our community.

**ENRICO FERMI SCHOOL**

**Girl: *Guadalupe Dominguez***

Guadalupe is a lovely, young, spirited lady who drives to do good whenever she can within our school. Her various contributions have been: beautifying the school's bathroom, being part of the recycling program, organizing the collection of cans for our schools food drive, and running for President of the Student Council. Guadalupe is a well-rounded student with a heart of gold.

**Boy: *Erick Cruz***

Erick is an upstanding student whose compassion for others excels beyond expectations. In addition, Erick has contributed his free time in helping to beautify our school, assisted the custodial staff on several occasions, and has organized the music for our Valentine's Day dance back in February.

## **PEARLS HAWTHORNE SCHOOL**

### **\*\*Girl: *Katherine Urena***

Katherine has been an outstanding role model for her peers this school year. As a consistent High Honor Roll student, she works hard each and every day to complete all assigned tasks in an exemplary manner and uphold the procedures and expectations of the PEARLS community. Katherine engages in many school activities and events, such as the Spanish Dance Class, Art Club and Science Olympiad. She works closely with the facilitators of each program to work on her skills in each area and help to make the experience enlightening for herself and her peers. Katherine also volunteers her time to fundraise and assist as a volunteer for various PEARLS PTA events, such as the Winter Carnival and "PEARLS Got Talent." In addition to her efforts at PEARLS, Katherine works closely with her church to assist children in the Sunday School program at Christ the King. In the summertime, Katherine volunteers her time working with the JCY-WCP Summer Reading Buddies to promote literacy development for young children. Katherine's most unique quality is her love for learning. She welcomes every opportunity to grow as both a student and a person through all the opportunities available to her at PEARLS and the Yonkers community.

### **\*\*Boy: *Lawrence Azzariti***

If there is one word to describe Lawrence it would be "exemplary." In both academics and character, Lawrence is a true gem. He is always respectful, friendly and helpful. Lawrence is the type of student who works extremely hard to succeed in everything that he does. Lawrence is truly a model student because he goes "above and beyond" in all of his classes and to make PEARLS a better place. On multiple occasions, Lawrence's teachers have witnessed him give a helping hand to an academically struggling student, to pick up garbage that isn't his on the cafeteria floor, and to lead the class in maintaining an orderly fashion outside of the teacher's door before coming in to class. Lawrence also takes on a leadership role in all extracurricular/enrichment activities provided by the school. He serves as a "cheerleader" in both the Science Olympiad and History Bowl activities to ensure that students are staying motivated to work hard. Overall, Lawrence has been a positive role model to all PEARLS students from the moment he arrived at the school.

## **ROBERT C. DODSON SCHOOL**

### **Girl: *Harumi Valenzuela***

Harumi has greatly affected the overall atmosphere of Dodson's school community. She is an integral part of coordinating activities which benefit the population of the school as well as the local community. Her maturity and dedication helps students with learning, fundraising for those in need and contributes to making Dodson a fabulous school.

### **Boy: *Gustavo Manzanillo***

Gustavo's outstanding contribution to our school stems from his strong work ethic. He is a great resource and support system for his fellow students. He epitomizes the true meaning and value of Bilingual Education. He is a gentleman in every sense of the word and is respected by all his peers, teachers and administrators.

## **WILLIAM BOYCE THOMPSON SCHOOL**

### **Girl: *Megan Ortega***

Megan has received Principal's List this past quarter. She is the only student in our school to do so. She is taking the Living Environment and Algebra Regents this year, and helps tutor her peers. She is kind, caring, and helpful to peers and adults. She is an avid reader, and brings much prior knowledge into the classroom. She has many friends in the class and is a very positive role model for her peers.

**Boy: *Mohamed Deumah***

Mohamed is hard-working, conscientious and goes above and beyond to help those in need. Mohamed is the Secretary of Student Government and has shown many leadership qualities in planning, promoting, and running school fundraisers, dances, and bake sales. Mohamed enjoys tutoring his peers and helps those around him achieve success. Mohamed is an exemplary student but his presence and contributions are so much more.

**YONKERS MONTESSORI ACADEMY**

**Girl: *Kerry Mills***

Kerry has enriched our school community by participating with the book fair. She volunteered at the family bingo night and the hike to Van Cortland Park. She is willing to lend a helping hand at all times. She takes her academics very seriously. She is a kind young lady who respects all people.

**Boy: *Olenier Pina***

Olenier is a fantastic student who works really hard. He is a great member of the school community. As a classmate he is someone that all his classmates feel they can depend on. He has come a long way academically and continues to work on improving himself.

**PALISADES PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

**Girl: *Alicia Mateo***

Alicia is a dedicated student who works hard to maintain high standards. She is an excellent student who goes above and beyond when it comes to helping other students succeed. She is respectful and caring when dealing with others. Alicia is an excellent student who tutors her peers. She has made the Honor Roll each quarter. She participates in class and asks excellent questions. Alicia enjoys working with children and her peers.

**Boy: *Malcolm Benson***

Malcolm is a student who works hard to overcome any challenges that he may face academically. He is dedicated to achieving and maintaining good grades. He is always willing to help others whenever the opportunity arises. Malcolm is by far the most mature young man of the 8th grade at Palisade Prep. He is never late to 1st period class and he participates each day with inquisitive questions and analysis that makes each period worth teaching. Malcolm is a member of Palisade Prep's film club and loves to analyze films and contribute to the Jacob Burns Film Center Cinemania program. Malcolm gets along with all of his peers and teachers and truly deserves this award. Malcolm is an excellent student who tutors his peers. He helps teachers with their technology in the classroom. He does clean-ups around the school.

**YONKERS MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL**

**Girl: *Myleia Hernandez***

Myleia is a student who volunteered at the Leake and Watts community day. She was a face painter and helped set up activities and programs throughout the day. She also plays basketball at the Nepperhan Community Center and assists with the summer basketball camp. She participated in an assembly with Chauncey Billups (NBA Hall of Famer) about increasing community service in her community.

**Boy: *Oleksii Mysiuk***

Oleksii immigrated from Ukraine at the age of 6 and had primarily focused on his education since. He attends the Saturday Boy Scout organization called "Plast" and cleans up after Saturday School classes as well as helping with their fundraisers.

## **Patricia A. DiChiaro Memorial Award**

(Sponsored by YCPTSA)

Awarded to an outstanding 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student, who has demonstrated a strong commitment to give generously of their time and energy, most uniquely, in service and concern for others in a selfless manner.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boy or Girl**

**\*\*District Wide winners**

#### **SCHOOL 5**

##### ***Laurenz Clairbelle D. Quinto***

Laurenz offers her time to counsel and tutor students struggling with their materials. She is both respected and admired by her classmates for her initiative and drive. Laurenz' willingness to volunteer her time at school and to her community is well-known and she is considered by many to be our "go to" resource.

#### **PATRICIA A. DICHIARO SCHOOL**

##### ***Noel Roy***

Noel is an outstanding student who volunteers his time as a peer mentoring/tutor. Noel is also a student at the Kumon Institute of Education as well as JAKE's Academy of Public Speaking. Noel has contributed his time to his community by helping younger children with their academic structure and to solve problems online to donate rice to people who need it.

#### **SCHOOL 13**

##### ***Jomarlyn Vargas***

Jomarlyn is an active member of the Student Government and Yearbook Committee. Jomarlyn is the Vice President of the Student Government and Editor of Yearbook. Jomarlyn dedicates much of her time to her school and community. She helps her peers by tutoring them in Living Environment. Jomarlyn is a member of "Helping Hands" and volunteers at fundraising events. Jomarlyn helps with the younger students by reading to them and walks them to their buses each day.

#### **PAIDEIA SCHOOL 15**

##### ***\*\*Anthony J. Gambardella***

Anthony has contributed endless hours of community service to the school specifically with the Paideia Walks three years in a row as well as the school dances. Anthony always gives generously of his time and takes pride in helping others no matter the area of need. Anthony has chaired the Turkey Drive and Toy Drive over the years at Paideia School 15. Anthony was raised to know what the importance of school and his community is about and how to help all around him.

#### **SCHOOL 16**

##### ***God Unlimited Okodie***

God Unlimited is an asset to our school community, in addition to her own. God Unlimited never hesitates to offer her hand to help someone. She visits her library to help children read and do their work. God Unlimited also attends the Science Barge where she helps educate the community about preserving the Earth for future generations.

## **SCHOLASTIC ACADEMY FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

### ***Marie Delance***

Marie is very helpful with her peers and school faculty. She has volunteered her time helping a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher during her school lunch period. Marie also is involved with her community by spending time with the elderly.

## **EUGENIO MARIA DE HOSTOS MICRO SOCIETY SCHOOL**

### ***Azul Balderas***

Azul is a trustworthy, reliable, good-humored student and friend who supports others in and out of the classroom. Azul is well known for her work ethic, teamwork mentality and leadership abilities. Already at her age, Azul has demonstrated that she is committed to public service. Azul is an active participant in the after school program where she assists students from younger grade levels with their homework and after school activities. Azul is involved in many student related activities where she volunteers her time helping out the PTA with their fundraisers, bake sales and charitable causes which raise funds for Pennies for Patients.

## **SCHOOL 23**

### ***Michael Quinteros***

Michael is eager to help his classmates with assignments and is very comfortable in leadership roles within his class. Michael volunteers his time outside the classroom as well as inside the classroom. Michael is a strong asset to his school community.

## **CASIMIR PULASKI SCHOOL**

### ***Mojisola Shokeye***

Mojisola shows definite leadership skills as a role model in our building. She takes the time to complete all of her work to the best of her ability. She seeks opportunities to contribute to our school's programs, especially those involving our younger students. Mojisola also is an exceptional student athlete. She is a valuable asset to our school community.

## **KAHLIL GIBRAN SCHOOL**

### ***Alexandra Herran***

Alexandra is selfless. She volunteers her time routinely to work with the school community's younger students in their classroom and/or cafeteria. Alexandra assists the PTA in planning and executing fundraising activities, such as the school book fair and bake sales.

## **WESTCHESTER HILLS SCHOOL 29**

### ***Jayebe Lapido***

Jayebe is an academically excellent student who is willing to help her peers by peer mentoring/tutoring them if they have difficulty understanding the class work. Jayebe volunteers her time on both the Yearbook Committee and the Newspaper Club at her school. Jayebe has helped organize fundraisers during her time on the Student Council last year which she still helps organize and participates in during the year.

### **SCHOOL 30**

#### ***Francisco Gonzalez Sanchez***

Francisco is always respectful and considerate of others. He is always willing to help his classmates and take the lead in activities to achieve his academic goals. Francisco always is determined to complete all given tasks by putting hard work and dedication forth.

### **FAMILY SCHOOL 32**

#### ***Aaliyah Nunez***

Aaliyah is an asset to her school by her ability to help her peers and teachers effortlessly. Aaliyah shows true compassion as a young woman by showing how wise she is beyond her years. Aaliyah does not hesitate to peer tutor her classmates and she helps out her classmates that are absent by bringing their school work home to them.

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ACADEMY**

#### ***Emy Cabrera***

Emy has personal strengths that are impressive as her intellectual accomplishments show. Emy is an active, outgoing presence in her class with a great sense of humor. Emy has a cheerful nature and openness to feedback means she is always learning and growing as a leader.

### **CEDAR PLACE SCHOOL**

#### ***Danna Rojas***

Danna gives freely of her time to help students in the class as well as her school community as a whole. Danna is a wonderful conscientious student who values her education. She has a good rapport with both her peers and the adults in the building. Danna is an asset to the school community as a hard worker, team player and a responsible young lady who will do well in whatever endeavors she follows.

### **ENRICO FERMI SCHOOL**

#### ***Ashanti Roper***

Ashanti is an enthusiastic young lady whose spirit touches many people. Her vibrant personality has made her a big hit on the safety patrol for the past three years. Ashanti has also contributed to cleaning up the school/neighborhood, assisted in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten on various events and helped organize the schools food drive. She is an asset to her school's community.

### **PEARLS HAWTHORNE SCHOOL**

#### ***Beatrice Maron-Schaeffer***

Beatrice's commitment to her learning community is impressive and motivating. She has been a student council member since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. This year Beatrice was elected Student Council Class President. She works closely with the teacher advisor to come up with activities and volunteer efforts for the school.

### **ROBERT C. DODSON SCHOOL**

#### ***Jennifer Torres***

Jennifer is the Student Government President. She has helped both her school and local community. Jennifer has helped coordinate the school's Pajama Drive to support the Pajama Program. Jennifer has helped collect over 250 pairs of pajamas for the Pajama Drive which provides pajamas to children living in shelters and orphanages. Jennifer has also offered her time coordinating Valentine Day cards and socks for the Sock Drive which supports James J. Peter's Veteran Hospital.



### **WILLIAM BOYCE THOMPSON SCHOOL**

#### ***Steven Nunez***

Steven is a stellar Student Government President. He has shown leadership qualities in our school by getting 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities together. Steven is helpful to his peers and teachers, lending a hand whenever needed. Steven helps monitor younger students on buses and tutors his peers. Whenever Steven has an opportunity to help others, he is always the first one to step up to the plate without even being asked.

### **YONKERS MONTESSORI ACADEMY**

#### ***Molly Doran***

Molly is a well-rounded, motivated, articulate and mature young lady. Molly is an outstanding student academically. She is a stellar community member. Molly is determined to be successful in all aspects of her life. Molly has contributed her time to several community organizations as well as her school community.

### **PALISADES PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

#### ***Caitlin Suarez***

Caitlin is the Student Government President. She has coordinated a few raffles and has donated her time cleaning up the school and surrounding neighborhood. Caitlin is also helping with beautifying the hallways of her school. Caitlin is a dedicated student who is always willing to help others. She has worked with other peers to improve the school community as a whole.

### **YONKERS MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL**

#### ***Chandler Ross***

Chandler is a helpful hand at Yonkers Middle High School. She is always willing to help a teacher fix bulletin boards, carry bags or organize their classroom. Chandler is a member of her local chapter of Girl Scouts. She has collected many badges for survival skills and completing community service programs. Chandler is also a member of the girls' volleyball team at Yonkers Middle High School.

## **Mabel Bell Scholarship Award**

(Sponsored by YCPTSA)

The Mabel Bell Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding High School graduating Senior for dedicating time and effort in a multitude of activities. A student who unselfishly volunteers of himself/herself through school and community, and who is respected by his/her peers.

WINNER: ***Jamika Holmes***

### **ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL- EARLY COLLEGE STUDIES**

Jamika is graduating with a GPA of 92 this June from Roosevelt High School. She has received numerous Honors and Awards. They include an award from the Human Rights Commission for her Essay on Homelessness - Contest Winner in 2015 and National Honor Society for the past two years. Jamika has also received the National Society High School Scholars the last two years. Jamika is the Class President of the Student Government this year and was the Vice President in her Junior year. She is also the Vice President of the PTSA at her school. Jamika is the captain for her Volleyball, Softball and Basketball High School teams. Jamika created a binder which she used to track her goals, accomplishments and progress throughout the years. During the summer before her Senior year Jamika interned with Assemblymember Shelley Mayer. This was one of the greatest learning experiences of her life. Jamika took this opportunity to speak with the Mayor and Council Members about the importance of her education and all the students in the Yonkers Public School System. Jamika is hoping that she can receive scholarships to attend college as this is one of her main goals in her life. Jamika has held a very busy life throughout her High School years while holding her GPA at a 92, kudos.

## **Paul M. Mitchell Humanitarian Award**

(Sponsored by YCPTSA)

Awarded to a graduating High School Senior for showing concern for others through school and community involvement. A student who has shown outstanding ability to deal justly with all regardless of racial, religious, ethnic or economic background. A student actively engaged in promoting human welfare and social reform.

WINNER: ***Malak Murshed***

### **ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL- EARLY COLLEGE STUDIES**

Malak has been on the Principal's list since 2012. He received the Khalil Gibran Award from 2012 until 2015. Malak has held many various volunteer positions throughout High School including volunteering at the school store called "Shark Tank". Malak has done volunteer work for a local pharmacy by stocking and organizing the shelves. Malak takes her Muslim pride seriously as her first act of volunteering was to wear her Hijab, even though people criticized her for wearing it. Malak has tutored Arab children in the English Language and currently she is volunteering her time to help a group of men learn English for their naturalization exam. During Malak's High School years she has helped with the school Toy Drive as well as volunteering all her time as mentioned above. Malak has kept her grades up to a high standard and will excel at what the future has planned for her.

## **Millie Yochman Special Recognition Award**

(Sponsored by YCPTSA)

Awarded to a High School Graduating Senior officially designated as a handicapped student by the CSE. The Student must show interest in further pursuing his/her education, and shows good citizenship by contributing to the welfare of the school. A student who shows growth in achievement within scope of a total academic program.

WINNER: ***Doris Osei***

**CHARLES E. GORTON HIGH SCHOOL**

Doris involved herself in many of the school's clubs where she learned more about herself as the school years went by. Doris selflessly volunteered her time to the senior citizen community where she encountered a lovely lady and helped her fill an empty gap that she had because she never had children of her own. These acts of kindness that Doris creates are an inviting feeling, while Doris keeps her grades to a high standard. Doris was the Secretary for a student run organization called Intergeneration. She would organize and recruit students two times a week for the activities the organization held. Doris makes a huge contribution to the community by helping others out. Doris has made the High Honor Roll and National Honor and Art Society. She is an Ambassador with the National Society for High School Scholars. Doris also finds time to be a member at Today's Students, Tomorrows Teachers by attending Career Development Workshops and participates in Teaching with Technology Conferences, Tutor Training and Job Shadowing. Doris was selected to go for a week to NYU College Access Leadership Institute.

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