



19 graduating seniors earn Board of Ed PRIDE Awards

The Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 Board of Education selected 19 outstanding seniors from Woodstock and Woodstock North high schools as recipients of the Board's annual PRIDE Awards.

"PRIDE" is an acronym for Positive Recognition in District 200 Education. Awards are given in seven categories which represent the qualities the board believes the community truly values in its graduates: scholarship, personal achievement, vocational excellence, fine arts, community service, school service and athletics.

The 2019 Award winners were selected by committees of school board members, high school staff, and district administrators.

"As Board members, it's gratifying to see the culmination of what is possible for students who have put in all of the hard work over many years and that they've taken advantage of what our schools have to offer," said Jacob Homuth, District 200 Board of Education member.

"We wish them, and all of our graduates, the best. We look forward to what the future brings for them, and what they'll bring to the future."

The awards were announced at the Woodstock High School senior honors assembly on May 2, and at the Woodstock North High School honors program on May 6. The PRIDE Awards were created by the District 200 Board of Education in 1990. Each recipient received a special medallion to wear at graduation.

For Excellence in Athletics

This Award is given to senior students who have participated in at least 6 athletic seasons, and have displayed excellence in character as well as in athletic ability, as evidenced by sportsmanship, leadership, and unselfishness. These students have also been recognized for athletic excellence beyond the district level.

WHS: Kylie Hagmann and
Julio Arellano-Zapata

WNHS: Taylor Prerost

For Unselfish Service to the Community

This Award is given to a senior student who has performed community service without pay. In addition, the significance of the contributions, length of service, and a commitment to help others were evaluated.

WHS: Angel Ortega

WNHS: Elena Thurow

For Excellence in the Fine Arts

This Award is given to senior students who have taken at least two courses in the arts; and who have participated in at least two co-curricular performances. These students have displayed excellence in the arts, based on awards and honors received, effort, extra participation, leadership and cooperation; and have made a significant contribution to the arts in the school and in the community.

WHS Music: Chandler Sullivan

WHS Theater: Miles Potje

WHS Visual Arts: Madison Leetzow

WNHS Music: Seth Lagerstrom

WNHS Theatre: Makayla Meinhardt

WNHS Visual Arts: Hailey Schwarz

For Outstanding Personal Achievement

This Award is given to a senior student who has dealt with a personal challenge during his or her high school career, and has succeeded in persevering to obtain his or her diploma.

WHS: Keyla Bedoya

WNHS: Kaitlyn Young

For Exemplary Scholarship

This Award is given to a student who is in the top 5% of the class. Consideration is given to the student's rank in class, the rigor of the academic schedule, participation in academic co-curricular activities, and academic honors received in high school.

WHS: Madeline Scolio

WNHS: Jeffrey Massman

For Unselfish Service to Their School

This Award is given to a senior student who has displayed dedication to the school and enthusiasm for various activities in school. This student has displayed qualities of cooperation, diligence and unselfishness while involved in acts of service to the school.

WHS: Gloria-Marianna Escobar

WNHS: Ethan Miranda

For Excellence as an Employee in the Community (Vocational)

This Award is given to a senior student who has taken at least two courses in business education, industrial technology, family and consumer sciences, or other career technical area. This student has held a job in the community and was recommended by his or her employer for excellence in the workplace. Responsibility, self-discipline, cooperation, initiative, competence and dependability were considered in determining the recipient of this award.

WHS: Madeline Thill

WNHS: Jourden Reis