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### **Pennsbury Students Recognized for Citizenship**

(Fallsington, PA) – Congratulations to the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award winners for June. Students Dhruv Patel, Savannah Schwartz\*, McKenzie Engle, and Lainey MacElroy were honored at the Pennsbury School Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, June 20, 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 June was Citizenship.

Dhruv Patel is a rising third-grader at Edgewood Elementary School and was nominated by Ms. Milla Alley. She shared that Dhruv is known by everyone in the school because of the way he greets them all; Always with a smile on his face, eager to make you feel acknowledged and seen. Dhruv shows that he cares for the members of the Edgewood community by cheering on his peers when they go in front of the classroom for a lesson, or onstage for a play. Dhruv also helps the new students feel welcomed. Dhruv shows pride for being in the school, and he's very popular between the all of the staff and students in any grade!

Savannah Schwartz is a rising sixth-grader from Fallsington Elementary School and was nominated by Mr. Joseph Kull, Mrs. Alison Blaney, Mrs. Meagan Mauck, Mrs. Diane Mount, Mrs. Kristen Cahill, and Mr. Vinny DePaola. They shared that Savannah understands that being a member of a class or community means that she needs to be responsible and fulfill all obligations to support the group, so that the class can be as successful as possible. She takes pride in being a member of the Fallsington community and Room 8! Savannah shows exemplary citizenship

through her consistent kindness and consideration for others. Her politeness and genuine kindness create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Her infectious smile sets the tone for a positive environment where everyone feels valued and respected. Savannah's willingness to lend a helping hand to her classmates demonstrates her selflessness and commitment to fostering a supportive community.

McKenzie Engle is a rising freshman from Charles Boehm Middle School and was nominated by Ms. Jacquelyn Sheeler. She shared that McKenzie participated in two Best Buddies events, fostering inclusivity and friendship within the school community. She was also a crew member for the Charles Boehm Musical and exemplified what it means to be both a leader and a supporter. McKenzie took initiative when needed, and just as quickly followed the directions of others. McKenzie demonstrated her commitment to community service by volunteering her time at St. Frances Camp Cabrini. McKenzie contributed to the TNT Field Hockey Camp by helping 6th-graders to improve their field hockey skills, demonstrating her mentorship and leadership qualities.

Lainey MacElroy is a rising junior at Pennsbury High School and was nominated by Mrs. Oksana Cheeseman. She shared that Lainey is a hard-working student and is always striving for success. She works hard to complete all of her school work and do well in it. Lainey always offers to help anyone who is in need of assistance. She has a very kind heart. Lainey participates in afterschool activities to support others and the Pennsbury community, such as Mini-THON, Wink4Pink, and more.

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.

*\*Savannah Schwartz was unable to attend and will receive her award via mail..*

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