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### **Pennsbury Students Recognized for Integrity**

(Fallsington, PA) – Congratulations to the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award winners for April. Students Dillon Brady, Arya Zadnik, Veronica Zadnik, and Ashley Makovsky were honored at the Pennsbury School Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2023. Adam Revness, a winner of March’s Safety LYFT award, was also honored at the meeting.

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 April was Integrity.

Adam Revness is a fifth-grader at Afton Elementary School. He was nominated by Cheryl Birkbeck, Kristin Slota, Laurie Gougher, Ryan Sadono, Trish Baehser, Evon Moyle, Eileen Koch, Tom Hanson, Jen Robbins, June Capasso, Jane Smith, Kaitlyn Murphy, and Ashley Hunter. They shared that Adam is a great student who models proper behavior for his peers throughout the school day. Adam always makes safe choices while using classroom supplies such as scissors, glue, lab supplies, and microscopes. When working on a science activity, Adam makes sure he is standing in a safe zone and wearing safety goggles. Adam is also aware of the importance of internet safety. He only visits approved websites and never shares his password or ID number with anyone. Adam is a SOAR Squad Member that helps younger students during dismissal time and exemplifies safe behavior for them while on the bus. He adheres to all rules and procedures without needing any reminders.

Dillon Brady is a first-grader at Quarry Hill Elementary School and was nominated by Megan Marchese. She notes that Dillon has embodied integrity since the very first day of school and has consistently demonstrated this trait every day since. Dillon holds himself to high standards and takes pride in everything he does. He is a wonderful leader who sticks to his principles, always choosing to do the right thing. He is intrinsically motivated to be his best self, no matter what anyone else is doing.

Arya Zadnik is a fifth-grader at Fallsington Elementary School. She was nominated by Meagan Mauk, Bill McDougall, Debbie Helmuth, Amy Murray, Kristen Cahill and Vinny DePaola. They say Arya is very open about doing the right thing and being a model for others in the classroom. When she is passionate about something, she sticks to it regardless of peer pressure. She consistently follows rules and engages respectfully with all adults. She doesn't give up when life gets hard. Instead, she stands firm in her beliefs and motivates herself to keep moving forward.

Veronica Zadnick is a seventh-grader at Charles Boehm Middle School. She was nominated by Dustin Ritchie, Dave Howe, Michelle Meehan, Sandy Metzger, Colleen Vetiz, and Michelle Smith. They say Veronica is a "go-to leader" and a shining beacon of integrity. All her actions exemplify honesty and truthfulness. She is a role model student in the gym and an excellent example of someone being true to themselves. She can always, without question, be counted on to do the right thing to the best of her ability. She makes every class she is in a better place.

Ashley Makovsky is a senior at Pennsbury High School and was nominated by Angela Minor. Ms. Minor says that Angela has strong, passionate beliefs about issues ranging from healthcare to civil rights. In AP government she shares her opinions and backs them up with evidence. She respects the opinions of others but does not allow peer pressure to sway her from her convictions. She can be trusted to work independently and turn in her work on time. She admires the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and believes that citizens have a duty to protest unjust laws, even if there are consequences.

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 shares the common goal of strengthening and supporting Pennsbury students.

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