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

(Fallsington, PA) – Congratulations to the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award winners for June. Students Daniel Dziekonwski, Ryan Minnes, Kaiden Winton, and Nina Evon were honored at the Pennsbury School Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023.

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.

Daniel Dziekonwski is a fifth-grader at Manor Elementary School and was nominated by Megan Edson, Kaite Jones, and Kristin Cimoichowski. They shared that Daniel demonstrates the qualities of responsibility, honesty, courtesy, and good citizenship daily. He consistently asks how he can help his fellow peers, and he often takes a leadership role during cooperative learning opportunities. Daniel volunteers his free time to assist Ms. Edson in the library. He sets an example for his classmates by demonstrating respect for library materials and showing others how this affects the school community. Daniel is a Manor Ambassador, a member of Manor's Elementary National Honor Society, and a Salvation Army volunteer. His nominators say that it is refreshing to see Daniel's positivity and how much he genuinely enjoys helping others.

Ryan Minnes is a fifth-grader at Penn Valley Elementary School and was nominated by Arlene Johnson, Ann Osborn and Marty O'Donnell. They say that Ryan is a role model for his peers. He serves as a school safety and comes to school early to cover his post. When he enters the

building, he greets every person he encounters and wishes them a great day. During Penn Valley's Armed Services Day celebration, Ryan gave up time at recess to learn how to properly fold the American flag so it could be presented to a veteran. On a daily basis, Ryan is an example of respectfulness, responsibility, leadership, and citizenship.

Kaiden Winton is a fifth-grader at Fallsington Elementary School. He was nominated by Rhonda Lewis, Joey Kull, Meagan Mauck, Debbie Hellmuth, Alison Blaney, Kristin Cahill, and Vinny DePaola. At Fallsington, Kaiden demonstrates citizenship in the classroom by taking other students under his wing and helping them to grow. He is always the first person to volunteer to help, both inside and outside the classroom. He accepts duties and fulfills obligations to support everyone as a group. He can function equally well as a leader or as a supportive follower. Kaiden follows PAW Pride, is a school safety, and takes pride in setting a positive example for others. Kaiden is a responsible and active citizen of the Fallsington Elementary School community.

Nina Evon is a tenth-grader at Pennsbury High School and was nominated by Andrea Garberina. She shares that Nina is a very civic-minded leader. She is extremely respectful of herself and others in her classes. She values the opinions of others and elicits input from everyone with whom she works. Nina became actively involved in her school community by joining drama and working hard on decorating and completing pre-prom work with other volunteers. She is also a leader in her local community by participating in Girl Scouts.

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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