



## Press Release

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

(Fallsington, PA) – Congratulations to the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award winners for June. Maximus Mormando, Jean Haba, Nicholas Christopher, Anthony Klyuchnyk, Luke Sherratt\*, and Nolan Kolanko\* were honored at the Pennsbury School Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2022.

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*.

Maximus Mormando is a kindergartener at Fallsington Elementary School. He was nominated by Cherie Lynne Kooker, Vinny DePaola, Terri Sherman, Michelle Kinney, Debbie Hellmuth and Kristen Cahill. They said in their nomination that Max is a shining example of good citizenship. He displays respect for all around him and helps keep his area of the classroom neat and clean. He loves to volunteer and lead others, but also is happy to support his peers. His actions help to create a fun and supportive kindergarten community.

Jean Haba is a fifth-grader at Penn Valley Elementary School and was nominated by Arlene Johnson, Barbara Hidalgo, Jennifer Gatt, and Marty O'Donnell. They shared that Jean takes his role as a school safety seriously and ensures that the youngest of Penn Valley students arrive to their classes on time. He recently helped out during Penn Valley's Armed Forces Celebration Day and learned how to properly fold a flag and present it to a veteran. He was one of only four

children selected to present at the April school board meeting and proudly represented his school.

Nicholas Christopher, an eighth-grader at Pennwood Middle School, was nominated by Debbie Lomas. She said that Nicky loves to volunteer to support his community. As a “Birthday Bandit,” he decorates lawns with fun-filled birthday surprises and raises funds to support his favorite cause, the Alpha Bravo Canine organization. This is a nonprofit that raises, trains, and donates service dogs for U.S. military veterans. In the classroom, he is respectful to others. He is a team player and always willing to help.

Anthony Klyuchnyk is in tenth grade at Pennsbury High School. Anthony was nominated by Cheryl Ann Schmids. Anthony has demonstrated his support for the Pennsbury School District community by assisting and interpreting for four new students who have recently relocated to the US from Ukraine. He escorted the students to class and assisted at the East Library to help the tech department get students translation devices. His demeanor, leadership skills, and supportiveness are impressive. Ms. Schmids says that Anthony is an example of PHS at its best.

Luke Sherrat is in the fifth grade at Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School and was nominated by Special Area teachers Brian Doron, Dana Hoffman, Claudia Scaran, and RoseMarie Shire. They shared that Luke is always the first to stand up for what is right in the face of peer pressure. He demonstrates integrity by leading his peers in class and always demonstrates maturity beyond his years. As a school safety, he sets a high bar, always leading younger students safely at dismissal. He is steady and consistent with his character and choices every day at Eleanor Roosevelt.

Nolan Kolanko, an eighth-grader at Pennwood Middle School, was nominated by Stacey Freed and Team Integrity. They say that Nolan demonstrates leadership both in and out of the classroom. In class, Nolan always steps up and gets his group started and on task. He delegates so everyone has a role and he gets everyone back on task if they get distracted. Nolan plays several sports and is a role model for his peers, who look up to him and respect him. He helps to organize fair teams and always demonstrates good sportsmanship.

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.

\*Luke Sherratt and Nolan Kolanko were LYFT winners for the months of April and May, respectively. They were honored at the June meeting and recognized for the traits of integrity and leadership, respectively.

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