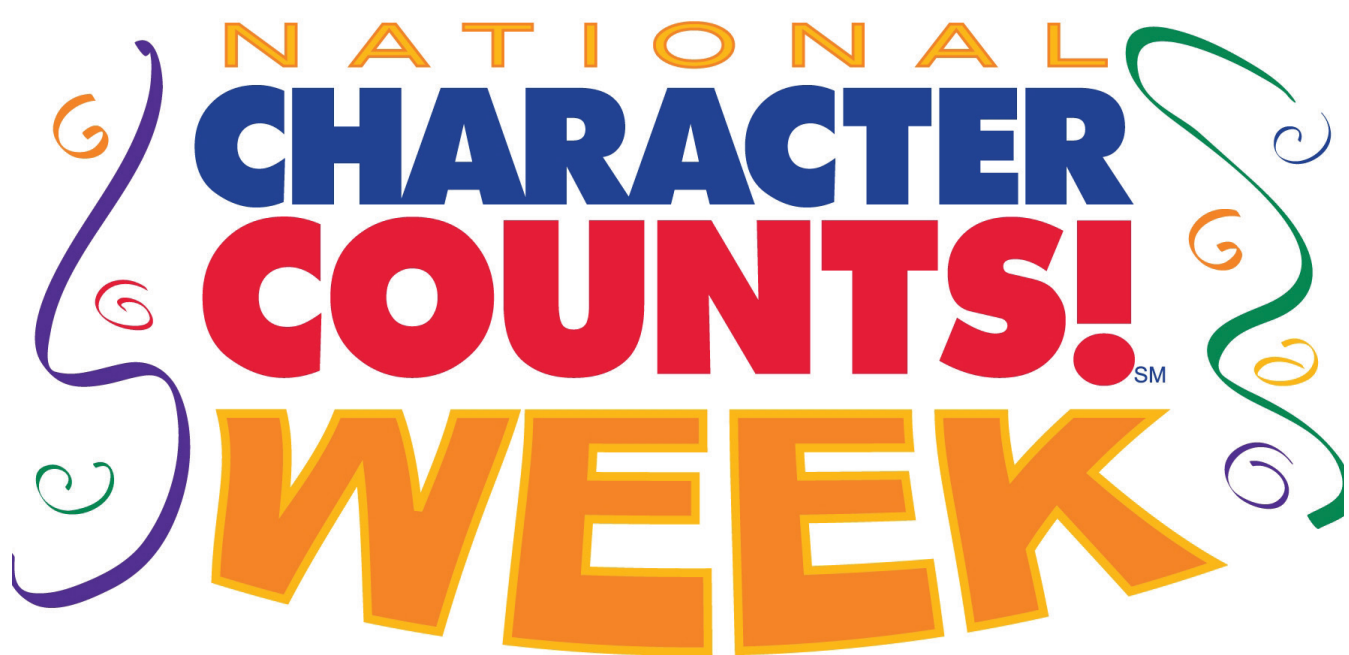


# THANK YOU, TULARE COUNTY, FOR HELPING US RECOGNIZE NEARLY 4,400 STUDENTS DURING CHARACTER COUNTS! WEEK 2023!



**Congratulations to the students  
pictured here who represent 154  
Tulare County schools!**

*Trustworthiness  
Fairness*

*Respect  
Caring*

*Responsibility  
Citizenship*



**Ahriel Clemenson**  
Alpaugh School,  
Alpaugh  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Francisco Hernandez



**Kayla Hernandez**  
Cutler Elem. School,  
Cutler  
**CARING**  
Nominator:  
Megan Thiessen



**Amalia De La Cruz**  
Dinuba Community  
Based Instruction,  
Dinuba  
**FAIRNESS**  
Nominator:  
Randall Steen



**Sukhdeep Kaur**  
Dinuba High School,  
Dinuba  
**CITIZENSHIP**  
Nominators:  
TJ Celaya and Tonya  
Pennebaker



**Addison Moreno**  
Jefferson Elem.  
School, Dinuba  
**TRUSTWORTHINESS**  
Nominator:  
Maria Mendoza



**Kevin Aguilera**  
Lincoln Elem. School,  
Dinuba  
**TRUSTWORTHINESS**  
Nominator:  
Courtney Myers



**David Balderas**  
Ronald Reagan  
Academy, Dinuba  
**CARING**  
Nominator:  
Terry McReynolds



**Ramiro Hernandez  
Lopez**  
Roosevelt Elem.  
School, Dinuba  
**CARING**  
Nominator:  
Maricela Ledezma



**Kailah Mendoza**  
Sierra Vista High  
School, Dinuba  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Linda Danner



**Mia Bravo**  
Wilson Elem. School,  
Dinuba  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Maria Lichtenwaldt



**Anahi Morales**  
Ducor Union Elem.  
School, Ducor  
**CARING**  
Nominator:  
Maria Barajas



**Dixie Hurtado**  
Alila School, Earlimart  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Jessica Contreras



**Madelyn Basurto**  
Earlimart Elem.  
School, Earlimart  
**CARING**  
Nominator:  
Michelle Saunders



**Alvaro Montano**  
Earlimart Middle  
School, Earlimart  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Wendy Sear



**Meghan Brooks**  
Exeter Union High  
School, Exeter  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Andrea Venegas



**Robert Bonney**  
Lincoln Elem. School,  
Exeter  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Savannah Dougherty



**Clayton "CJ"  
McBride**  
Rocky Hill Elem.  
School, Exeter  
**CARING**  
Nominator:  
Whitney Pollock



**Evan J. Botello**  
Deep Creek Academy,  
Farmersville  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Charley Defeverre



**James Hedgecoth**  
Farmersville High  
School, Farmersville  
**CARING**  
Nominator:  
Justine Gomes



**Joseph E.  
Hernandez**  
Freedom Elem. School,  
Farmersville  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Sebastian Santillan



**Alia Orozco**  
George L. Snowden  
School, Farmersville  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Karen Zeibak



**Uriel R.  
Torres-Garcia**  
Ivanhoe Elem. School,  
Ivanhoe  
**CARING**  
Nominator:  
Maria Botello



**Monserrat Becerra  
Mendoza**  
Kings River Union  
School, Kingsburg  
**CARING**  
Nominator:  
Michelle Etchegoinberry



**Helena  
Rios-Zuniga**  
Jefferson Elem.  
School, Lindsay  
**CITIZENSHIP**  
Nominator:  
Berenice Benson



**Dominic Goodman**  
J.J. Cairns  
Continuation High  
School, Lindsay  
**CARING**  
Nominator:  
Amalia Lopez



													
<b>Roman Espinoza</b> Kennedy Elem. School, Lindsay <b>CITIZENSHIP</b> Nominator: Timothy Paul	<b>Kimberly A. Lemus</b> Lincoln Elem. School, Lindsay <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Jeanette Garcia	<b>Javier Lemus-Romero</b> Loma Vista Charter School, Lindsay <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Juana Moreno Martinez	<b>Stephanie Lemus Espinoza</b> Reagan Elem. School, Lindsay <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Manuel Cobarruvias	<b>Yanet Gomez</b> Roosevelt Elem. School, Lindsay <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Ana Medrano	<b>Kevin Izquierdo</b> Washington Elem. School, Lindsay <b>CITIZENSHIP</b> Nominator: Angel Cortes	<b>Madison Patino</b> El Monte Middle School, Orosi <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Jose Montemayor	<b>Sofia G. Mejia</b> Golden Valley Elem. School, Orosi <b>CITIZENSHIP</b> Nominator: Norma Lupa	<b>Juan Salazar</b> Orosi Comm. Based Instruction, Orosi <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Chloe Rodriguez Hernandez	<b>Andrew Camarillo</b> Orosi High School, Orosi <b>RESPECT</b> Nominator: Marlena Celaya	<b>Jaylah Alanis</b> Palm Elem. School, Orosi <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: David Belman	<b>Magali Reyes</b> Pixley Elem. School, Pixley <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Ana Lucio	<b>Jonathan Diarte</b> Pixley Middle School, Pixley <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Iris Rodriguez	<b>Ricardo Rodriguez</b> Pleasant View Elem. School, Poplar <b>CARING</b> Nominators: Tashima Irving
													
<b>Jonathan Brown</b> AcCEL Porterville, Porterville <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: John Cemo	<b>Arianna Alvarado</b> Alta Vista School, Porterville <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Liliana Gaxiola	<b>Selene Vargas Andrade</b> Bartlett Middle School, Porterville <b>CITIZENSHIP</b> Nominator: Nayeli Colunga	<b>Yocelin Aguilar</b> Bellevue Elem. School, Porterville <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Judith Church	<b>Jaydah Gonzalez</b> Burton Elem. School, Porterville <b>CITIZENSHIP</b> Nominator: Leslee Taylor	<b>Paxton Maynor</b> Burton Middle School, Porterville <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Betsy Bautista	<b>Rene Garcia</b> Butterfield Charter School, Porterville <b>FAIRNESS</b> Nominator: Stan Dillon	<b>Andrea Andrade Delgado and Kimberly Perez</b> Granite Hills High School, Porterville <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Richard Lambie	<b>Armando Robles</b> Hope School, Porterville <b>CARING</b> Nominators: Joanie Arnold and Sally Ramirez	<b>Emily Bautista</b> Jim Maples Academy, Porterville <b>TRUSTWORTHINESS</b> Nominator: Donald Ramey	<b>Rodrigo Nunez</b> John J. Doyle Elem. School, Porterville <b>RESPECT</b> Nominator: Irma Martinez	<b>Bentley T. Penn</b> Los Robles Elem. School, Porterville <b>FAIRNESS</b> Nominator: Christina Dole	<b>Mohammed Abdullah</b> Monache High School, Porterville <b>RESPECT</b> Nominator: Jennifer Giannetto	
													
<b>Chloe Alvarado</b> Monte Vista Elem. School, Porterville <b>CITIZENSHIP</b> Nominator: Robyn Dunn	<b>Mason Duran</b> Oak Grove Elem. School, Porterville <b>RESPECT</b> Nominator: Rachel McCusker	<b>Ayleen Bedolla</b> Olive Street Elem. School, Porterville <b>CITIZENSHIP</b> Nominator: Maribel Alcantar	<b>Zackary Wells</b> Pioneer Middle School, Porterville <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Mikaela Carter	<b>Kayla Mungia</b> Pleasant View Elem. School, Poplar <b>CITIZENSHIP</b> Nominators: Camille Valdez and Tashima Irving	<b>Jose A. Saldana</b> Porterville High School, Porterville <b>TRUSTWORTHINESS</b> Nominator: Larry Herrera	<b>Braden Martin</b> Porterville Military Academy, Porterville <b>TRUSTWORTHINESS</b> Nominator: Rudy Cardona	<b>Diego Avalos</b> Roche Avenue Elem. School, Porterville <b>FAIRNESS</b> Nominator: Sarah Scott	<b>Maria I. Bedolla</b> Santa Fe Elem. School, Porterville <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Joseph McIntire	<b>Liam Newsom</b> St. Anne's School, Porterville <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Sylvia Herrera	<b>Grant Balague</b> Summit Charter Academy Mathew Campus, Porterville <b>CITIZENSHIP</b> Nominator: Vanessa Orozco	<b>Jayden Barrios</b> Summit Charter Collegiate Academy, Porterville <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Kimberly Wertman	<b>Stormi Farmer</b> Summit Charter Intermediate Academy, Porterville <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Samuel Novinger	<b>Angelique Ibarra</b> West Putnam Elem. School, Porterville <b>TRUSTWORTHINESS</b> Nominator: Sean Phillips
													
<b>Carter Christenson</b> Westfield Elem. School, Porterville <b>TRUSTWORTHINESS</b> Nominator: Renee Carson	<b>Pearla Farah</b> William R. Buckley Elem. School, Porterville <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Melissa Emerson	<b>Isabella Cruz</b> Woodville Union School, Porterville <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Yesenia Martinez	<b>Zydelle Murguia</b> Richgrove School, Richgrove <b>FAIRNESS</b> Nominator: Adena Joseph	<b>Abel Monk</b> Springville Union School, Springville <b>RESPECT</b> Nominator: Michele Punian	<b>Sophia Colunga</b> Harmony Magnet Academy, Strathmore <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Nayirah Dosu	<b>Valeria Anguiano</b> Strathmore Elem. School, Strathmore <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Candy Carrizoza	<b>Paola N. Carcamo Lovo</b> Strathmore High School, Strathmore <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Viviana Franco	<b>Jasmine Avalos Mondragon</b> Strathmore Middle School, Strathmore <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Stephen Sobko	<b>Michelle Sanchez</b> Sunnyside Union School, Strathmore <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Alicia Franco	<b>Yovanni Moreno</b> Monson-Sultana Joint Union School, Sultana <b>RESPECT</b> Nominator: Mayra Ortega	<b>Natalia Bedolla</b> Saucelito School, Terra Bella <b>FAIRNESS</b> Nominator: Courtney Castle	<b>Emir Barajas</b> Three Rivers Union School, Three Rivers <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Edmund Pena	<b>Alfredo Martin Gutierrez</b> Tipton School, Tipton <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Gina Manfredi
													
<b>Fernando Escalante</b> Traver Joint School, Traver <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Linda Navarro	<b>David Martinez</b> Accelerated Charter High School, Tulare <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Dana Shook	<b>Kevin Simiano</b> Alice G. Mulcahy Middle School, Tulare <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Marlena Lester	<b>Kirsten Crook</b> Alpine Vista School 5-8, Tulare <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Jenna Porchia	<b>William Robinson</b> Alpine Vista School K-4, Tulare <b>CITIZENSHIP</b> Nominator: Jordan Doherty	<b>Raul Marcos</b> Buena Vista School, Tulare <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Alex Mendes	<b>Hallie F. Irving</b> Cherry Avenue Middle School, Tulare <b>CARING</b> Nominators: Angella Chamalbide, Corey Hargis, and Rosalynda Mazon	<b>Jersie Rodriguez</b> Countryside High School, Tulare <b>CITIZENSHIP</b> Nominator: Cherilyn Austin	<b>Gustavo Ruiz</b> Cypress Elem. School, Tulare <b>TRUSTWORTHINESS</b> Nominator: Jenna Davis	<b>Madeleine Silva Parra</b> Frank Kohn Elem. School, Tulare <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Michael Langton	<b>Lillian J. Martin</b> Garden Elem. School, Tulare <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Cheyenne Crook	<b>Nayeli Andrade</b> Heritage Elem. School, Tulare <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Jillian Hanson	<b>Jaxon Jacobo</b> Liberty School, Tulare <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Miranda Evans	<b>Rodrigo Jara Mora</b> Lincoln Elem. School, Tulare <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Anekka Guy
													
<b>Jazlynn Flores</b> Live Oak Middle School, Tulare <b>TRUSTWORTHINESS</b> Nominator: Melissa Gonzalez	<b>Emiliano Salamanco Murillo</b> Los Tules Middle School, Tulare <b>RESPECT</b> Nominators: Aaron Thron and Karen Vaughn	<b>Luke Harvey</b> Maple Elem. School, Tulare <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Ashley Meneses	<b>Alessandra Contreras</b> Mission Oak High School, Tulare <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominators: Corina Gomes, Laurie Jones, and Marie McPhetridge	<b>Sarah Vaughn</b> Mission Valley Elem. School, Tulare <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Rachel Purkiss	<b>Fernanda Chavez</b> Oak Valley Union School, Tulare <b>Citizenship</b> Nominator: Margaret DoCanto	<b>Xzavier Aldana</b> Palo Verde Union School, Tulare <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Rose Machado	<b>Camila B. Navejas</b> Pleasant Elem. School, Tulare <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominators: Helen Richardson	<b>Jose Lara Juarez</b> Roosevelt Elem. School, Tulare <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Tami Rodriguez	<b>Jerahmi Flores</b> Sundale Union School, Tulare <b>CITIZENSHIP</b> Nominators: Brittany Grieb	<b>Falicity S. Shelley</b> Tulare Tech Prep High School, Tulare <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Silvia Sausedo	<b>Evelyn Arias</b> Tulare Union High School, Tulare <b>TRUSTWORTHINESS</b> Nominator: Chandra Benevento	<b>Arenia Galeana Oregon</b> Tulare Western High School, Visalia <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Melissa Garcia	<b>Adrian Gutierrez</b> Waukena Joint Union School, Tulare <b>FAIRNESS</b> Nominator: Christy Dawes-Hansen
													
<b>Chris Balderas</b> Wilson Elementary School, Tulare <b>RESPECT</b> Nominator: Courtney Dodson	<b>Keyla Tortoledo</b> Annie R. Mitchell Elem. School, Visalia <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Jessica Cisneros	<b>Daniela Yanez</b> Blue Oak Academy, Visalia <b>RESPECT</b> Nominator: Jocelyn Hendershot	<b>Mason Esquerro</b> Compass Program, Visalia <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Amayrani Lozano	<b>Zayden Ramirez Ibarra</b> Conyer Elem. School, Visalia <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Christopher Marsh	<b>Melody Stedman</b> Crestwood Elem. School, Visalia <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Raul Gonzalez	<b>Jennifer Rivera Saucedo</b> Crowley Elem. School, Visalia <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Kara Wilson	<b>Gilbert Salinas</b> Denton Elem. School, Visalia <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Frank Ghiglia	<b>Reah J. Florez</b> El Diamante High School, Visalia <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Tina Guzman	<b>Julio Cuevas Romero</b> Elbow Creek Elem. School, Visalia <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Cianna Balderama	<b>Honey Posadas</b> Four Creeks Elem. School, Visalia <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Greg Fowler	<b>Mason Munoz</b> Global Learning Charter School, Visalia <b>FAIRNESS</b> Nominator: Nicole Lemon-Newman	<b>Eric Maupin</b> Golden Oak Elem. School, Visalia <b>CARING</b> Nominator: Stephanie Hunt	<b>Karina Buenrostro</b> Golden West High School, Visalia <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> Nominator: Jennifer Carlson





**Cynthia Adame-Luna**  
Goshen Elem. School,  
Visalia  
**CARING**  
Nominator:  
Veronica Benavides



**Logan Hatherley**  
Grace Christian  
School, Visalia  
**TRUSTWORTHINESS**  
Nominator:  
Brooke Bailey



**Gabrielle Contreras**  
Green Acres Middle  
School, Visalia  
**CARING**  
Nominator:  
Jacky Gonzalez Lopez



**Moses Prieto**  
Highland Elem. School,  
Visalia  
**TRUSTWORTHINESS**  
Nominator:  
Amanda Bennett



**Blanca Carranza**  
Houston Elem. School,  
Visalia  
**RESPECT**  
Nominator:  
Mabel Gong



**Korra Patino**  
Hurley Elem. School,  
Visalia  
**TRUSTWORTHINESS**  
Nominator:  
Sarah Van Dermeyden



**Socimo Esquibel**  
La Sierra Military  
Academy, Visalia  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Alfredo Saenz



**Addison Cooper**  
Linwood Elem. School,  
Visalia  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Lori Irvine



**Robert A. Garcia**  
Manuel F. Hernandez  
Elem. School, Visalia  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Ken Sawatsky



**Martha Rios Cervantes**  
Mineral King Elem.  
School, Visalia  
**CARING**  
Nominator:  
Nieves Suarez



**Marea Vidak**  
Mt. Whitney High  
School, Visalia  
**TRUSTWORTHINESS**  
Nominator:  
Gene Mendes



**Aubrey Fajardo**  
Oak Grove Elem.  
School, Visalia  
**FAIRNESS**  
Nominator:  
Rachael Ray



**Amiah Esparza**  
Pinkham Elem. School,  
Visalia  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominators:  
Ray Cartagena and  
Marleen Martinez



**Jasmine M. Gomez**  
Redwood High School,  
Visalia  
**RESPECT**  
Nominator:  
Travis Roebuck



**Varna Mothe**  
Riverway Elem.  
School, Visalia  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Christopher Kusserow



**Michael Brassfield**  
Royal Oaks Elem.  
School, Visalia  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Rochelle Ford



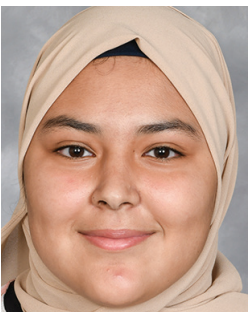
**Izabella Coronado**  
Shannon Ranch Elem.  
School, Visalia  
**RESPECT**  
Nominator:  
Taylor Hendershot



**Andrew R. Alameda**  
Stone Corral School,  
Visalia  
**RESPECT**  
Nominator:  
Susana Haro



**Daniella Cardenas**  
Sycamore Valley  
Academy, Visalia  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Andrew Alcantar



**Aesha Elashwamy**  
University Preparatory  
High School, Visalia  
**CARING**  
Nominator:  
Jennifer Becerra



**Lilliana Castro**  
Valley Life Charter  
School, Visalia  
**TRUSTWORTHINESS**  
Nominator:  
Brandi Travis



**Hayden Johnson**  
Valley Oak Middle  
School, Visalia  
**CARING**  
Nominator:  
Emily Carrillo



**Aaliyah Cuellar**  
Veva Blunt Elem.  
School, Visalia  
**CARING**  
Nominator:  
Patricia Gutierrez



**Faith T. Ramos**  
Virtual Learning  
Program, Visalia  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Heather Mackey



**Carmen Ortiz**  
Visalia Technical Early  
College High School,  
Visalia  
**CITIZENSHIP**  
Nominator:  
Travis Wyrick



**Kaylee Myers**  
Washington Elem.  
School, Visalia  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Aaliyah Marin



**Allyanna Guevara**  
Willow Glen Elem.  
School, Visalia  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Andre Navarrette II



**David Magallan Velazquez**  
Castle Rock Elem.  
School, Woodlake  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Brenda Garver



**Cienna Diaz**  
Francis J. White  
Learning Center,  
Woodlake  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
Nominator:  
Daniel Salazar



**Alyssa Coelho**  
Woodlake High School,  
Woodlake  
**TRUSTWORTHINESS**  
Nominator:  
Gene Mendes

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**Alejandra Aguilar**  
Woodlake Valley  
Middle School,  
Woodlake  
**CARING**  
Nominator:  
Joseph Beltran



**Humza Saleh**  
AcCel Yettem Learning  
Center, Yettem  
**CARING**  
Nominator:  
Erin Elliott