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Student Name: Rajveer Singh

School: Alila School, Earlimart

Pillar: Respect

Nominator: Kimberly Garcia

Statement:

Rajveer is the epitome of respect! He comes in ready to learn and to share his knowledge. He raises his hand when he wants to share and waits patiently to share his knowledge with the class. He thinks outside the box but is never boastful. He is always kind and respectful in and outside the classroom. If someone treats him poorly, he does not do it back, he shows them how wants to be treated or he simply walks away. He does not cause trouble or harm. He is a kind, calm and peaceful young man.

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Student Name: Sofia Osorio

School: Earlimart Elementary School, Earlimart

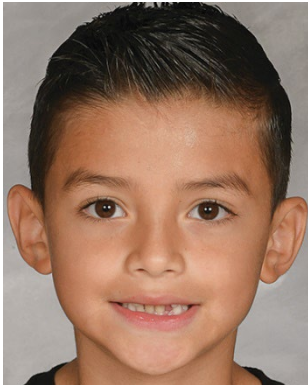
Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Narcedalia Montes

Statement:

Sofia Osorio is an exceptional student both inside and outside the classroom. Her compassion and respect for others shines through in everything she does. Sofia is a thoughtful listener who truly understands and empathizes with the feelings of those around her. Whether it's offering comfort to a friend facing a tough time or readily lending a helping hand, her caring nature is evident in all her interactions. For these reasons, I am proud to nominate Sofia Osorio for the CHARACTER COUNTS award.

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Student Name: Ivan Moreno

School: Pixley Elementary School, Pixley

Pillar: Citizenship

Nominator: Jason Araki

Statement:

Ivan took a week off from school for a family funeral out of the country. In the week he was in Mexico, he not only went to his relative's funeral, but had served to help pass out donations of school supplies for children who lacked the resources in his relative's community in Mexico. As he was close to his relative who passed away, he took the time to help the community from which his family is originally from.

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Student Name: Alessandra Ruiz

School: Pixley Middle School, Pixley

Pillar: Citizenship

Nominator: Luis Dorado

Statement:

There is a poet named Tupac Shakur who wrote a poem called The Rose that Grew from Concrete
“Did you hear about the rose that grew from a crack in the concrete? Proving nature’s law is wrong, it learned to walk without having feet. Funny it seems, but by keeping its dreams, it learned to breathe fresh air. Long live the rose that grew from concrete when no one else ever cared.”

-Tupac Shakur

I read this for the first time with my 8th grade class, and I am blessed that I had the opportunity to use this poem to teach my students about analyzing figurative language, but most importantly to teach a valuable lesson about resilience and courage. The rose physically growing through a damaged concrete foundation is reflected in the success stories of many of our Pixley students. Many of our students are considered economically disadvantaged, are English Learners, and sadly, may be living in a not ideal home life. Ask anyone of our students, and most of them will tell you that it is not easy to be successful when you have obstacles like these in your way. As educators, we need to remember that for some of our students demonstrating resilience during troubled times does not come naturally. It is up to us as educators to help build this resilience in them. We as educators only hope that our students will heed our cries and believe in themselves when others do not. This poem also reminded me of one student in particular. Her name is Alessandra Ruiz. I hope that she can show our students that despite the challenges that one might face in life, at home, and even at school, one has a duty to family. That includes being an example of resilience.

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Student Name: David Garcia

School: Woodville Union School, Porterville

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Connie Estrada-Tsuboi

Statement:

David is a kindhearted and lovable learner. He always finds joy in everyone or anything he does. He comes to class with a smile on his face and ready to take on the day. If he is playing with a toy and another learner would like to use it, he will take the time to let them have it. He is well mannered and reminds others to use their “manner words”; as he models for them. He always is willing to help around the classroom and the playground. There are times you find him picking up trash in the playground instead of playing during recess. David’s empathy is shown daily when someone needs a hug. He is the first to offer, and when someone needs an encouraging word, he is the first to let them know.

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Student Name: Natalia Rodriguez
School: Richgrove School, Richgrove

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Claudia Aldaco

Statement:

I would like to nominate Natalia for her responsibility in my TK classroom. She consistently demonstrates a strong commitment to her duties and has become a reliable resource for both students and staff. Natalia goes beyond in her role, ensuring that every task is completed with care and attention to detail. Her ability to manage her responsibilities effectively while supporting her peers is truly commendable. She creates a positive environment and is very caring. Her proactive approach and willingness to take the initiative make her a standout candidate for this recognition

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Student Name: Sebastian Moreno

School: Tipton School, Tipton

Pillar: Respect

Nominator: Janet Uresti

Statement:

I was Sebastian's teacher a couple of years ago and he has not changed one bit. Sebastian is the kindest and the most intelligent student. One day I had my students out at PE, and I noticed he was helping the yard supervisor with the trash cans. That is not something he HAD to do; it was something he WANTED to do. This is just him. He is always helpful to his peers and his teachers. He loves fishing and cars and is hoping to find a job working with cars. There are not many students who are as amazing as Sebastian!

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Student Name: Julizza Barba

School: Accelerated Charter High School, Tulare

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Michelle Reindl

Statement:

Julizza is a student of mine, and she is also my aide. Every day she does what is asked of her in class when she is my aide. Julizza asks me if there is anything else when she finishes her work. She is always polite and caring in her interactions with me and others. She is amazing! I will be sad when she graduates. I can count on her to do anything I ask with a kind and generous spirit.

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Student Name: Andres Diaz

School: Alice G. Mulcahy Middle School, Tulare

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Matthew Johnson

Statement:

Andres (Andy) Diaz is an outstanding example of the pillar of caring. Despite the challenges, I have never once seen him doing anything that did not demonstrate strength of character, integrity, and a heart that cares for others. He uses words that make others laugh, but never does so at the expense of another person's dignity. He models compassion and empathy, setting a positive example for his classmates. Andy has the kindest disposition one could imagine and is loved by his classmates, friends, and teachers. It is with immense pride that I nominate him for this honor. He is well deserving of it.

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Student Name: Jacoby Padilla

School: Alpine Vista School (K-4), Tulare

Pillar: Citizenship

Nominator: Jennifer Brinkley-Shannon

Statement:

Jacoby is a model of good citizenship, always striving to make his school community a better place. He takes pride in doing his share, whether it is helping with class projects, or contributing to a positive atmosphere at school. Jacoby's cooperative spirit shines through in everything he does. He works seamlessly with others to achieve common goals. His dedication to improving his surroundings and his willingness to lend a hand wherever needed make Jacoby a valued member of the community. His actions inspire others to do the same, showing that even small contributions can have a significant impact.

Jacoby's sense of responsibility and commitment to the greater good make him an exemplary citizen.

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Student Name: Elyse Delima

School: Alpine Vista School (5-8), Tulare

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Jenna Porchia

Statement:

Elyse has had nothing but a stellar attitude since the first day of school. She comes into class prepared and ready to learn every single day. When Elyse's Chromebook malfunctioned and affected the quiz she was taking, she asked for a retake on a classroom Chromebook so that it would not happen again. Then she took her time on the quiz, using the provided novel to make sure that all her answers were correct. She takes her learning seriously and she does not have a single missing assignment in any of her classes. As a 7th-grader, this is Elyse's first time having multiple classes and multiple teachers so the beginning of the year could have been difficult for her. She makes it look easy. She is a wonderful student who stays on top of her work and makes sure her tasks are completed. Besides doing well in my Honors Language Arts class, Elyse is taking Honors Math, and she is a part of the Lighthouse Leadership class, which is responsible for building school culture, putting on school events, and producing ideas on how to connect with the community. Outside of school, she is active in her dance studio. Elyse is super involved in and out of school, yet her schoolwork never suffers because she prioritizes her learning, assignments, and her responsibilities. Elyse is the picture of a responsible student and is a pleasure to have in class.

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Student Name: Noel Ramirez

School: Buena Vista School, Tulare

Pillar: Citizenship

Nominator: Alex Mendes

Statement:

Noel Ramirez consistently contributes to our Buena Vista School community. He plays a key role in keeping our campus neat and organized. Noel is often one of the first students to put away recess materials left on the grounds, frequently taking the initiative before being asked. When any of his middle school teachers need a task completed or an errand run, they can rely on Noel to handle it promptly and accurately. His willingness to help and his dependability make him an integral member of our middle school community.

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Student Name: Elian Martinez

School: Cherry Avenue Middle School, Tulare

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Ryan Turner

Statement:

Elian is one of the most caring students I have come across. He genuinely cares about other people and often goes out of his way to care for others. What is even more impressive about him is that I do not think he even thinks about it, it just is something that comes out of him naturally. There is an innate sense in him that others matter and how he treats them matters. His parents have done an excellent job nurturing that in him as well.

One example (of many): Elian's class was going to lunch and his teacher dismissed them to line up. Elian waited behind and held the door for his teacher, so she did not have to walk alone. When his teacher said, "Elian, you didn't have to wait for me, thank you." His reply was simply, "you are my teacher, of course I'm going to wait for you." I am so proud of this young man and excited for his bright future!

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Student Name: Isaac Villigran

School: Countryside High School, Tulare

Pillar: Citizenship

Nominator: Cherilyn Austin

Statement:

Isaac Villigran surpasses the expectations for the Character Counts pillar of Citizenship. He demonstrates a strong commitment to his work and the campus environment, often taking the initiative to clean up trash without prompting. Additionally, he actively participates in class discussions and is emerging as a leader in our school leadership class.

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Student Name: Andrew Varela

School: Cypress Elementary School, Tulare

Pillar: Citizenship

Nominator: Annie Braun

Statement:

Andrew is a team player in our classroom. If I ever need someone to help stack the chairs, put equipment away, or pick up trash, Andrew is always willing and able to help. He is respectful and kind to his classmates and adults alike, and people enjoy his company. From what I understand, he is also helpful at his house. He tells me he is responsible for making sure everyone wakes up in the morning, and he is always looking out for his younger siblings. I am proud of the way Andrew contributes to our class and his family.

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Student Name: Oliver Ortiz

School: Frank Kohn Elementary School, Tulare

Pillar: Citizenship

Nominator: Francine Heller

Statement:

Oliver Ortiz can easily be selected for any pillar. He is exceptional, he helps with home responsibilities without complaints. He knows his parents appreciate his help around the house and with his siblings. He is the big brother in many ways. To add, he helps students in the classroom when he has finished his work without hesitation. He thrives on doing the right thing and helping others along with keeping up with his responsibilities at home, in the classroom, and on the soccer field. We are fortunate to have Oliver Ortiz in our classroom. He is a great role model for everyone.

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Student Name: Phillip Gamez

School: Garden Elementary School, Tulare

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Sydney Gilbert

Statement:

Phillip Gamez is a very caring young man. As this school year began, we had a classmate that was having a hard time returning to the school routine. Each day, Phillip would keep an eye out for his classmate to arrive and would approach him, put his arm around him and tell him that it would be okay and that we were going to have a great day. After a week, our friend began to arrive with no tears. Phillip's caring ways helped his friend make the transition back to school earlier. Thank you, Phillip!

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Student Name: Sofia Castellon

School: Heritage Elementary School, Tulare

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Monica Cisneros

Statement:

Sofia is a prime example of what it means to be a compassionate and responsible student. Her behavior consistently showcases a profound level of respect and consideration towards everyone in her school environment. She habitually displays excellent manners in all interactions, whether she is engaging with her peers, teachers, or school staff.

Sofia's dedication to her responsibilities is evident through her meticulous approach to her academic work and her proactive stance on completing assignments. Her sense of duty is matched by her eagerness to assist others. She frequently goes out of her way to offer support to classmates who may be facing challenges with their studies or contributes positively to collaborative projects, demonstrating both teamwork and encouragement. In every facet of her school experience, Sofia embodies the qualities of an exemplary student. Her polite demeanor, strong sense of responsibility, and willingness to help others illustrate her exceptional character and make her a valuable asset to the school community.

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Student Name: Ellis Marvin

School: Liberty School, Tulare

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Kayla Govea

Statement:

Ellis, a kindergartner, has demonstrated a deep understanding of kindness, making her a deserving candidate for recognition. From the very first day of school, Ellis has displayed a natural instinct to help her peers. She often checks in on classmates who may be feeling sad or overwhelmed, offering comforting words or a friendly smile. Her ability to sense when someone is upset and provide support, even at such a young age, highlights her compassionate nature. In the classroom, Ellis has taken the initiative to include everyone in playtime activities. She often invites quieter classmates to join in games, ensuring that no one feels left out. This inclusivity fosters a sense of belonging among her peers, creating a positive and welcoming environments for all.

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Student Name: Rodrigo Jara Mora
School: Lincoln Elementary School, Tulare

Pillar: Citizenship

Nominator: Jill Lee

Statement:

Rodrigo is the type of student every teacher dreams of. He is not only extremely bright but always goes above and beyond in all class work. He is also very kind and respectful towards other classmates, teachers and staff. He is always willing to help others if he sees him/her struggle or assist with assignments. He cares about every person's feeling. He follows rules in class and always tries his best in all he does. He is also a very responsible student. He cares about other people's feelings and would never make another student feel bad. He also cares about our school, doing his part to clean up the campus if he sees litter. As you can see, Rodrigo is a wonderful example of being a terrific citizen and I am so honored to be able to nominate him for this special award.

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Student Name: Alexa Vasquez

School: Live Oak Middle School, Tulare

Pillar: Trustworthiness

Nominator: Joe Costa

Statement:

I am honored to nominate Alexa Vasquez she exemplifies the qualities of Trustworthiness. Honesty: Alexa has consistently demonstrated honesty throughout their academic journey. For instance, when she encountered a challenge with a project, she openly communicated the issue and sought feedback rather than concealing her difficulties. This level of transparency not only shows integrity but also fosters a collaborative environment in the classroom.

Telling the Truth: On multiple occasions, Alexa has shown their commitment to truthfulness. During a group project, she provided constructive and honest feedback to peers, which significantly improved the quality of the work. Her ability to speak the truth while being considerate of others' feelings has been remarkable.

Impact: The trustworthiness of Alexa has had a positive ripple effect throughout our school community. Her example encourages others to be more honest and dependable, creating a more supportive and trustworthy environment for everyone.

In conclusion, Alexa embodies the core values of honesty, truthfulness, and reliability. Her dedication to these principles makes her an exemplary candidate for this recognition. I am confident that she will continue to uphold these values with distinction.

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Student Name: Niall Seechan

School: Los Tules Middle School, Tulare

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Rhonda Sousa

Statement:

Although we have just begun the school year, I can already tell that Niall is an extremely responsible student. He always raises his hand to speak, waits patiently for me to help finishing others before asking for help, speaks kindly to his peers when they are working together (even if they have different answers), and he always volunteers to help me or his classmates. He brings permission slips, etc. back to school in a timely manner and has all his materials ready to go each day. He asks permission for everything! I could have nominated Niall in any category, and he would be a model choice for each one. He is an all-around outstanding kid, and I am so looking forward to being his teacher this year!

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Student Name: Joslyn Castro

School: Maple Elementary School, Tulare

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Gina Paim

Statement:

Joslyn has shown a great deal of responsibility in fourth grade. She comes in every morning and gets right to work with no distractions. She has been wonderful about completing everything I have asked of her. I have also witnessed her taking the time to explain an activity to another student in class and encourage him to do his work. I know I am going to really appreciate having Joslyn in my class this year!

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Student Name: Diana Sanchez

School: Maple Learning Center, Tulare

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Denise Lozano

Statement:

Diana is kind and compassionate to others. She is friendly and always greets people with a firm handshake. She is a great friend to her peers and staff.

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Student Name: Angel Mora

School: Mission Oak High School, Tulare

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Lucas Jones

Statement:

PE is a challenging subject. It is the only subject that requires students to change their clothes amongst their peers. It also requires students to give physical exertion, which can be difficult in the extreme hot temperatures of the Central Valley. The student I am nominating understands expectations and does not allow external stresses to undermine his own standards and goals. He always arrives to class ready and excited for what the day will bring. He excels in each activity, giving every inch of his ability, and he enjoys himself in the process. He has a strong peer group and even encourages them to do better; he sets the standard. I wish every student would approach PE with as much enthusiasm as he does.

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Student Name: Kylah Avalos

School: Mission Valley Elementary School, Tulare

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Dennis Hulseby

Statement:

In the brief time we have been back at school, Kylah has already established herself as one of our most adept students both academically and socially. With regards to Character Counts, I truly appreciate how responsible Kylah is. She is extremely efficient with her time. She looks at her responsibilities, analyzes the directions, and quickly takes on the tasks she has been given. Kylah always comes prepared for the school day, is great at looking at where the week is headed and being prepared for what lies ahead. Kylah does not need her teacher to stay accountable, either. I have complete trust in her ability to make good choices in other areas of campus where more independence is given. Kylah's demonstration of responsibility allows adults to trust her with significant tasks, and I'm sure it will lead to her accomplishing great things as she moves forward in school and life. Thank you so much Kylah for your effort in exemplifying responsibility.

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Student Name: Emma Vieira

School: Oak Valley Union School, Tulare

Pillar: Citizenship

Nominator: Kelsie Pitigliano

Statement:

Emma Grace shows what a true Oak Valley Raider is when it comes to citizenship. She has really stepped up the past 2 years and shows her family and her peers how to be kind, respectful, responsible, organized, sufficient, and a self-starter. She was elected as our Oak Valley FFA president this year which is a huge role that entails overseeing our FFA program and helping run the Ag. Department in its entirety. She shows lambs for Oak Valley 4-H this year and is always willing to help other students who need help with their animals.

Keep up the great work Emma Grace!

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Student Name: Aaron Ceja

School: Palo Verde Union School, Tulare

Pillar: Fairness

Nominator: Anthony Nguyen

Statement:

During an intense football game against a rival school, Aaron paused at the end of a play and gave a friendly high-five to an athlete on the opposing team. He did this following a great catch the other student had made. Such sportsmanship is a model for all students!

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Student Name: Emmitt Alaniz

School: Pleasant Elementary School, Tulare

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Amy Duffy

Statement:

I had the pleasure of being Emmitt's third-grade teacher last year. It was during this time that I observed Emmitt's quiet determination and sense of responsibility speak volumes. He set high expectations and worked very hard to complete his assignments accurately, even if that meant spending extra time or making corrections on them. Although this is something that he would consistently do, it was during the week of state testing that he stood out in this area. Emmitt knew that it was his responsibility to do his best for himself and our school. He made sure that he was well-rested, on time for school, and that he used all the test-taking strategies that he learned. Emmitt's hard work, perseverance, and sense of responsibility are what help make him a successful student and a positive role model for his peers.

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Student Name: Alannah Holt

School: Roosevelt Elementary School, Tulare

Pillar: Fairness

Nominator: Alicia Vega-Mercado

Statement:

Fairness is one of the six ethical values of Character Counts. Alannah, you were chosen for this award because you understand how to play by the rules, take turns, and share. You are very thoughtful and care about the feelings of others. When we do our work at each center, I always see you sharing and making sure the other students in your group have the supplies to complete each task. When we play games, I see you trying your hardest to wait patiently to take your turn, which makes you a good friend and student.

Well done ALANNAH! I am very proud of you!!

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Student Name: Nevaeh (Adreix) Duncan-Salas
School: Sierra Vista Charter High School Tulare

Pillar: Respect

Nominator: Daniel Dutto

Statement:

I am writing to nominate Nevaeh (Adreix) Duncan-Salas for the Character Counts pillar of Respect. Adreix has consistently demonstrated a high level of respect for all members of our school community. Adreix has always been courteous and polite to school staff, treating them with kindness and consideration. Adreix has made significant strides in academic performance, showing a dedication to their studies and a willingness to improve. Additionally, Adreix has maintained excellent attendance, demonstrating commitment to education. Adreix's respectful behavior and positive attitude have made a positive impact on our school environment. Adreix exemplifies the qualities of respect, including courtesy, kindness, and consideration. I believe that Adreix is a deserving candidate for this award and would be a wonderful representative of our school.

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Student Name: Emma Hearn

School: Sundale Union School, Tulare

Pillar: Citizenship

Nominators: Kaysie Hearn, Cecile Harrell, Jenna Facchini, Nicole Thierry, John Hearn, Marilyn Malloy, Brandee Sparks, Kellen Ornellas, and Cody Johnson

Statement:

Emma has such a kind heart. When she's not giving her all at school or in cheerleading, she is spending time at our local animal shelter. Emma spends her free time on the weekends volunteering at the Tulare Animal shelter. She loves helping dogs feel comfortable with humans and teaches them how to trust again. She joins the monthly volunteer board meetings, fundraiser events and even takes treats to the shelter to train the dogs to learn new tricks. With the help of her family, she takes some dogs home for visits and trips in the car. Emma and her mother also promote the dogs on social media, trying to get them adopted. She has many pictures of her with the dogs on Friends of Tulare Animal Services. She helps get so many dogs out of the shelter with her adorable pictures and because we can safely say which dogs do great with kids.

Emma has a very soft heart for animals and does great work for them. She has a huge heart for these dogs.

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Student Name: Zerric Russell

School: Tulare Tech Prep High School, Tulare

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominators: Rachel Sausedo and Silvia Sausedo

Statement:

Zerric is always a pleasure to have in class. He comes to school early every day ready to work and do what he is supposed to do. He is friendly to everyone and stays away from any problematic behaviors and continues to do what is expected of him. He is respectful to all of his peers and the staff. He also joins the school sports and is a great addition to the team. He plays by the rules and always tries his best. He is also on track to be an early graduate. He is very respectful and is kind to staff and to his peers.

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Student Name: Dayana Magana Moreno

School: Tulare Union High School, Tulare

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominators: McKenzie Langlie, Ivan Arce, and Melany Miller

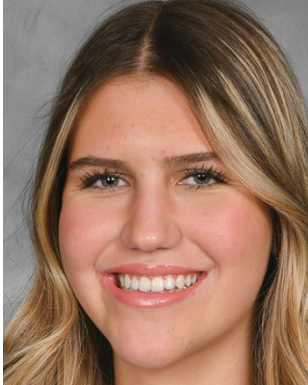
Statement:

Dayana is one of my favorite students I have ever had!! She is kind, funny, caring towards others, and an extremely hard worker (working 2 jobs her sophomore year!!). She is great at including others and making people feel seen, known, and valued. She is respectful of all staff and students, always modeling great manners, attention, and care. She perseveres through tough times and continues to have a positive outlook always. She is simply one of the best!

Dayana, is a very polite and responsible student. She always shows up to class with a positive attitude and is respectful to all her teachers.

Dayana is a bright light and a great public speaker! She always arrives to Speech class with a smile and positive energy. She helps make our class a great one!

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Student Name: Julia Van Scyoc

School: Tulare Western High School, Tulare

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Katherine Nunes

Statement:

For the pillar of responsibility, I am nominating Julia Van Scyoc. Julia is a senior at Tulare Western High School where I have had the pleasure of being her counselor since her freshman year. She is one of the most well rounded and dedicated students I have encountered. She is driven, committed, and seeks out opportunities to improve her community as well as her own personal growth.

Throughout high school, Julia has been in our premedical academy, which is a 4-year program that allows students to focus their studies on the field of health. Along with this rigorous program, she has taken several honors and AP courses to make up an extremely challenging course load each year. At the finalization of her high school career, she will have taken 10 honors courses, 7 AP courses, and 2 college courses. This year she is also volunteering her time to tutor other students in math. Thus far, she has earned all As and has a GPA of 4.25.

At school, Julia has been heavily involved in FFA, the district-wide dance program, the school cheerleading team, the Portuguese club (SOPAS), CSF, Be the Change, The Red Cross Club, and pre-med. Outside of school, Julia has served as Fatima Queen and is involved in the Lusa American Youth Council. Last year she personally raised over \$43,000 selling raffle tickets benefiting the Lusa American scholarship foundation. She also traveled to the Azores this year where she represented our area in the Sister-Cities festival. This is an event where Portuguese- American heritage is celebrated and the bridge between our area and the Azores is promoted. Through all of her involvement, Julia always shows patience, courtesy, and kindness. She is humble and treats others with respect and fairness. With everything that Julia does, she fully dedicates herself. She is responsible, conscientious, and punctual, ensuring things are completed to the best of her ability and that she follows through on her commitments. She is self-motivated and takes pride in participating in a variety of activities and projects. When Julia started elementary school, she was very shy and timid. She has worked hard to get involved, improve her public speaking and communication skills, and become more outgoing. Through her experiences, she has definitely grown and has excelled both academically and socially. I am confident that Julia is well prepared for college and on- going philanthropic involvement and that she will continue to shine in all areas. She is honestly a great representation of all pillars of Character Counts.

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Student Name: Holly Curtsinger

School: Waukena Joint Union School, Tulare

Pillar: Citizenship

Nominators: April Curtsinger and Amanda Henry

Statement:

Holly is a hard-working honor roll student. She is the current Waukena School Leadership President. It is a job she does not take lightly. Holly is a positive role model for her fellow classmates and for all students on campus. She never hesitates to volunteer to help school faculty and other students inside and outside the classroom. She is at every school event lending a helping hand. Holly stays after school every Tuesday to help school faculty in their classrooms with whatever they may need. When Holly is not in school, she is working hard on the field with her travel softball team. Holly exemplifies the true essence of responsibility in every aspect of her school life. Whether she is meticulously completing her assignments on time, volunteering to help her classmates understand challenging concepts, or contributing thoughtfully to group projects, Holly consistently demonstrates reliability and dedication. Her teachers and peers alike are impressed by her ability to balance academic commitments with extra-curricular activities, all while maintaining a positive attitude.

Holly's conscientiousness and proactive approach not only make her a role model for her fellow students but also highlight her readiness for future challenges. Her unwavering sense of responsibility makes her truly deserving of recognition and admiration.

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Student Name: Zeek Seals

School: Wilson Elementary School, Tulare

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Angel Alvarez

Statement:

Over the course of the previous three school years, I have had the privilege of observing the kind and gentle nature that is Zeek. While he is currently a student in the AcCEL program, he is known by his peers as the nice boy who enjoys greeting others with high fives and hugs around campus. Zeek has garnered many friendships with his smile and joyful personality and is well known by his Wilson School family. In the classroom, Zeek is eager to offer praise and encouragement to his classmates and share generous thoughts with his teacher and staff. Zeek has enjoyed being a classroom leader and helper whenever opportunity calls! This wonderful young man has demonstrated firsthand that he can champion all his abilities with no limits in sight! Zeek exemplifies what it means to be helpful, kind, and generous!