



Judith L. Snow Ethical Leadership Awards 2019

All of the students chosen for this award are exemplary ethical leaders. Each student knows her core values and has the courage to live them in all parts of her life in service to the common good. Each student is a principled ethical leader who leads with integrity, selflessness, dependability, caring, and fairness.

These four students are all outstanding examples of ethical leaders in our middle schools. It is our great pleasure to present to the Board of Education these four students as the 2019 Judith L. Snow Ethical Leadership Award winners.

Respectfully yours,

Lea Smucker

Chandra Kearney

Judith L. Snow Ethical Leadership Award Committee

Emerson Middle School

Claudia Domusiewicz

Claudia Domusiewicz stated: *"important things about being an ethical leader is having integrity, and being a selfless and caring person."* Claudia is committed to ethical leadership at school, at home, and in the community. In fact, one of her teachers stated " *One of her greatest talents is one that can't be taught, but comes from within – kindness*". Claudia has generously donated her time to the Park Ridge Public Library for over 3 years and is well known at the library for being *"polite, respectful, dependable, and passionate"*. Claudia's commitment to excellence was best stated in her thoughtful essay when she wrote, " *Integrity is another trait that I find essential in my day-to-day viability. To me it does not matter whether or not there is an adult or other important figure in the same space as me. I will be acting as the same ethical leader that I am, regardless if someone is there to praise my actions*".

Jenna Pravecek

Jenna Pravecek stated in her essay: "*Ethical leadership is all about having integrity, being selfless, caring about others, being a friend everyone can depend on, and handling everything fairly even when no one is watching.*" Jenna has exhibited ethical leadership within many areas of her daily life. She is described by her teacher as having "*a strong moral compass as well as having the courage to stand up for those convictions. She has a heart for others, especially for those who are left out or in need*". Jenna contributes to her school as a Soaring Eagle and has participated in the Emerson Musical Productions for three years. She summarized her essay well writing "*I try to be an ethical leader in my community and an overall good soul.*"

Lincoln Middle School

Noah Collins

Noah Collins wrote in his essay, "*I strive to show leadership skills that demonstrate to my classmates and teachers that we can have fun but always show empathy and respect to others*". Noah has exhibited ethical leadership both in his school and community. His teacher writes "*he is always trying to learn and get better. He is a role model to his peers and always tries to do what is right*". Noah has given back to the community extensively by starting the "Noah and Carter Collins Blood Drive" and because of his great efforts, the Red Cross was able to collect over their goal and help many people in need. Noah's passion for ethical leadership was summarized well in his essay when he wrote, "*I believe that I can be a leader that can make a positive difference*".

Colleen Compton

Colleen Compton wrote in her essay, "*An ethical leader works to improve their community and does this with their important values, like kindness and respect, in mind*". Colleen gives back to her school by being a WEB leader. Her teacher writes, "*she has been thoughtful, ethical, and an upstanding student from the moment she entered Lincoln*". Colleen gives back to the community by volunteering at Vacation Bible school and is described as "*communicating well with adults and her peers, takes initiative on her own and is a good example of a responsible and kind teenager*." She summarized her essay by writing, "*Being a volunteer makes me empathetic, and that makes me care about how other people are doing and makes me want to talk to others. Though the places where I am a leader may not happen every day, the attitude that I bring to those experiences I take with me wherever I go.*"