

Congratulations to all CCS community service teams and project advisors for addressing important school and/or community needs. We encourage all students to continue "service above self" efforts in high school and throughout your lives.

Best wishes.

For more information about the Student "Service Above Self" Project, other Columbus Rotary local and world-wide activities, or Columbus Rotary membership, please contact:

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13th Annual Student "Service Above Self" Project High School Fair

May 2, 2016 COSI

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Columbus Rotary's annual
Student "Service Above Self"
Project High School Fair
recognizes community
service projects conducted
by Columbus City Schools'
students that reinforce
Rotary's vision of effecting
positive and enduring change
in the lives of others.



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AGENDA

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Project Exhibits - Atrium

12:05 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Luncheon Program – Gallery II
Award Presentation
Scholarship Presentation



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Rotary International is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs in 168 countries.

Founded in 1912 as the 38th club of Rotary International, Columbus Rotary has more than 300 members committed to:

- Conducting service programs in Columbus and around the world
- Fostering peace and goodwill
- Creating opportunities for professional networking and personal friendships

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Columbus City Schools Program Printing & Event Video

Buckeye Boxes, Inc.
Project Display Boards

Silver Screen Productions, LLC Event Photography

Fort Hayes Student Graphic Design Team Design & Artwork

2016 scholarships

2016 Columbus Rotary Service Above Self High School Senior Scholarships

Officials of Columbus City Schools identified the high school senior in each school who demonstrated the most significant volunteer service during their high school career. These students were invited to apply for a Rotary scholarship. Following interviews of selected applicants the following students have been awarded \$2,500 scholarships.

Akeem Adesiji Whetstone High School

Michele Burns Linden-McKinley STEM Academy

Brionna Cunningham Walnut Ridge High School

Shyvonne Hoover Mifflin High School

Dajah Howard Columbus Africentric Early College

Dejanee Kendricks Columbus Alternative High School

Cierra King Northland High School

K'Lynn Partee Fort Hayes Arts & Academics High School

Quasia Poole West High School
Linda Ransom Eastmoor Academy

Andrew Santurello Independence High School

Aisley Wells Briggs High School

2016 projects

Beechcroft High School

<u>Hearts Alive</u> – Educating students and community members about the seriousness of heart disease and training people in "Hands-Only" CPR.

No-Limits – Conducting an all-school, studentled basketball tournament for unity and spirit, and to show the possibilities involved when placing no limits on students' futures and current opportunities.

Briggs High School

Eco-Bruins – Continuing to create recycling awareness and promoting its importance by implementing multiple activities to reduce waste at our school and contribute to environmental improvement.

Helping Displaced Local and International Youth

Informing students that Huckleberry House
provides a safe place for youth in a crisis
situation and raising money for a Syrian refugee
camp through "pie-in-the-face."

Holiday Helpings – Addressing hunger in our community by systematically identifying families in need, collecting money for food throughout the school, and personally delivering holiday baskets to every family.

Centennial High School

Pets Without Parents – Helping PWP maintain its shelter by collecting and donating dog & cat food, cat litter, bleach, flea and tick collars, newspapers, laundry detergent and more.

Special Olympics – Supporting Special Olympics at its Winter State Aquatic Meet as part of SO's mission to provide friendly competition to people with intellectual disabilities.

Columbus Africentric Early College

<u>Bridging the Gap</u> – Creating a greater sense of community within our school by high school students mentoring our elementary students and assisting teachers with providing enrichment activities.

<u>Helping the Hungry</u> – Carrying on a senior class tradition of helping Livingston UM Church's food pantry by unloading Mid-Ohio trucks, stocking shelves, helping clients shop, and taking food to their cars.

<u>Seniors Saving Lives</u> – Working with the Red Cross to inform students about the benefits of donating blood, organizing our three blood drives and recruiting students to participate.

Columbus Alternative High School

<u>Boo Radley Society</u> – Generating kindness and happiness by high-fiving random people, Christmas caroling in hospitals, putting positive notes on random lockers and more.

<u>CAHS Against Sexual Violence</u> – Empowering students to change reactions to SV by using techniques to avoid SV, being proactive when in an SV situation and, overall, promoting safe relationships

<u>Urban Farm</u> – Growing and harvesting produce to sell to raise money for Mid-Ohio Food Bank, giving produce to the charity restaurant Roots Café, and increasing student awareness of food insecurity.

Columbus Downtown High School

Air Force Jr. ROTC Serving the Community — Providing multiple services for Veterans Down Day, St. John's Community Kitchen Food Drive, Red Cross Blood Drive, and St. John's Community Kitchen feeding the homeless. Game Day — Raising money for Special Olympics by CDHS Business Department students creating, marketing, and operating multiple student-selected games for which they pay a fee to play. Learning to Teach and "Lead 2 Feed" — Assisting Linden Gardening Group and Heavenly Kids Center for Learning by tending to the garden's needs, donating food to the needy and teaching younger kids about gardening.

Columbus Global Academy

<u>Clothing Closet</u> – Recognizing that many fellow students need clothing items and creating a student team to organize and implement a sensitive collection and distribution process.

Columbus North International School

Cuts N Curls - Building self-esteem and rapport with Trevitt Elementary students by creating designer boards for students to choose a hair style and then doing the actual styling.

Pull for the Tab — Supporting Ronald McDonald House's families by collecting and donating pop tabs to assist RMH in paying its utility bills, thus easing spending on non-service activities.

Weinland Helpers (Buddy Reading) — Helping elementary school students strengthen their reading skills and increase reading levels by working closely with Weinland Park teachers and serving as reading tutors.

Columbus Scioto 6-12 School

CHOICE Pantry Volunteers – Assisting the pantry by developing workplace knowledge and skills (machines, safety, use of elevators and pallet drives) then using those skills to help the CHOICE volunteers.

Read to Succeed – Reading to students at Beatty Park Elementary to help them develop a love for reading and the skills to read well.

<u>South Side Food Pantry</u> – Helping the South Side Food Pantry and Roots Café provide assistance to people in need by preparing and serving food and washing dishes.

East High School

East Loves St. Phillips-Neighbors Helping Neighbors – Enhancing our community by continuing a positive relationship with St. Phillips through stocking, sorting and organizing the church's food pantry. Kickball 4 Kindness – Using food items as admission for students to participate in a school-wide kickball game and then confidentially giving the items to students in need.

<u>Tiger Pride</u> – Combatting hunger and poverty on the south side by organizing the unloading and shelving of Mid-Ohio Food Bank donations at St. Paul's Church.

Eastmoor Academy

Community Outreach From Within – Organizing student groups to focus on nutrition, wellness and involvement by assisting the Red Cross, Ronald McDonald House and Star House.

Community Restoration Project – Fostering pride and community involvement by organizing and conducting multiple, visible neighborhood and school quality enhancement activities.

Empowering Women to be Agents of Change – Educating students about women's survival struggles in Ethiopia then raising money to purchase sheep for them to help generate ongoing income.

Fort Hayes Arts & Academic High School

Art and the Community – Teaching art-related skills to disadvantaged adults at The Commons at Buckingham to help combat lingering results of homelessness, grow self-esteem and reengage in community.

<u>Human Trafficking</u> – Helping young ladies understand this is a real concern, teaching them how to protect themselves and avoid being trafficked, and realizing how difficult it is to escape.

Their Walk. Our Walk. Part II – Expanding last year's activities to honor Central Ohio soldiers killed in WWI by making and displaying white ceramic poppies, and collecting food and clothing for homeless veterans.

Independence High School

A Special Kind of Leader – Providing HS student role models for special needs students in two elementary feeder schools and helping those students build reading and other academic skills.

<u>Link Crew/Freshman Focus</u> – Mentoring at-risk freshmen by tutoring them in challenging academic and personal adjustment areas and then recognizing their success.

NHS Coat Drive – Linking NHS with our Multiple Disabilities Department by NHS students collecting coats and MDD students sorting, cleaning and preparing them for donation to Joseph's Clothing and Furniture Ministry.

Linden-McKinley STEM Academy

Art and Service Club – Linking LMSA and the community by creating holiday cards for nursing home residents, making Christmas stocking ornaments for local police officers, and painting windows at the Greater Linden Dev. Corp. office. Everyday Heroes – Serving hurting families at Ronald McDonald House by preparing and serving a meal for them and making blankets for RMH patients as a way to show concern and support.

Reading Buddies – Assisting students at Hamilton STEM Elementary develop their reading skills, increase reading scores, and improve self-confidence by one-to-one mentoring and reading tutorials.

Marion-Franklin High School

Red Devils Saving Lives – Educating students about the importance of donating blood and the prevalence of breast cancer, then organizing two blood drives and a basketball game to raise money for Race for the Cure.

Senior Center Visits – Exhibiting social responsibility toward senior citizens by

responsibility toward senior citizens by organizing visits to an area senior center during which students built supportive relationships with the center's residents.

<u>South-Side Pride Each and Every Day!</u> – Helping struggling students at Cedarwood Elementary improve their reading skills and donating food, toys and school supplies to local families in need.

Mifflin High School

NHS Community Service Campaign – Enriching students' community awareness and service by selecting and supporting Ronald McDonald House, Pennies for Patients, Life Care Alliance and a women's shelter.

Reading Buddies – Increasing the number of a feeder school's 3rd graders reading at or above grade level and building self-esteem by providing regular reading assistance, confidence building and motivation.

<u>Senior to Senior</u> – Serving, engaging and educating senior citizens by pairing senior citizens with MHS seniors to build relationships and instruct the seniors in computer fundamentals, Internet 101, and more.

Northland High School

Gay Straight Alliance (Gender Sexuality Alliance) – Making school a more accepting/safer place by addressing homophobia, transphobia and sexuality/gender issues and connecting LGBT youth with supporters. Red Cross Blood Drives – Increasing awareness of blood donation benefits and increasing student leadership in drives through gathering appointments, setting up, stocking the canteen, and cleaning up.

#What'sNextProject – Creating a mural with positive messages about the values of: cultural inclusion, success, hope, responsibility, student-teacher collaboration, following passions, and love of learning.

South High School

<u>Pop Tabs: Pull for the House</u> – Supporting Ronald McDonald House's resident families by collecting and donating pop tabs to assist RMH in paying its utility bills, thus easing spending on non-service activities.

Reading Buddies – Working to close the achievement gap in reading for students at Ohio Ave. Elementary through reading with the younger students and modeling reading enjoyment.

YNOTT YOU – Increasing awareness of the importance of organ and tissue donation through writing and performing a student production and working with Molina Healthcare and Commit to be Fit to spread the word.

Walnut Ridge High School

Be The One to Help Children – Providing care and support for families at the Ronald McDonald House by making and delivering fleece blankets. Cynthia's Flowers – Providing happiness for cancer patients who cannot have live plants/flowers by collecting supplies, making paper flowers and donating them to the James Cancer Hospital.

Walnut Ridge Student Council Service – Addressing issues that impact students and families in our community by conducting a Red Cross Blood Drive and supporting the Firefighters 4 Kids Toy Drive.

West High School

<u>Huck House Ambassadors</u> – Supporting youth in a crisis situation by informing students about Huckleberry House services, collecting much needed toiletry items, and designing hope and inspiration cards for HH. West High School Design Project – Researching and developing proposals for renovating the school to better serve our STEM initiative, then presenting the proposals to the CCS school board and its Capital Improvements department. West High Recycling Team – Making our school more eco-friendly by seeking advice from SWACO and CCS' head custodian and then supplying bins for classrooms, gathering and disposing recycled materials.

Whetstone High School

Giving Tree — Aiding families in our area unable to give their children toys, games, books and warm clothing by collecting these items and working with the Clintonville Beechwold Community Resource Center to distribute.

Paws with a Cause — Learning about the positive impact of therapy dogs by doing mini-training at Angel Paws, arranging AP visits to school, helping deliver dogs to clients and sharing impact stories with students.

<u>Window Painting</u> – Using our artistic skills to showcase Clintonville businesses by painting participating businesses' windows during the Fall Harvest time to enhance the businesses and the overall look of our main street.

The Student "Service Above Self" Project Middle School Fair was held on March 15, 2016 with 25 Columbus City middle schools participating. Three middle school community service projects were selected to exhibit at the High School "Service Above Self" Fair.

Columbus City Preparatory School for Girls

<u>Brown Girl Missing</u> -Selling informative water bottles as part of an education and advocacy campaign and supporting the Black and Missing group in helping families and authorities find and bring girls home.

Medina Middle School

<u>Pinwheels for Syrian Children</u> - Expressing solidarity with Syrian children by students making pinwheels resulting in a \$2 donation per pinwheel by the Bezos Foundation to the International Healing Classroom effort.

Wedgewood Middle School

Wedgewood Welcomes Service - Uplifting and inspiring people in need using art and music with community groups and tutoring/mentoring younger students in the community who are falling behind.