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Congratulations to CCS high school community service teams and project advisors for addressing important school and/or community needs. We encourage all students to continue "service above self" efforts throughout your lives to make the world a better place for everyone.
Best wishes.

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**14th Annual
Student "Service Above Self" Project
High School Fair**

May 8, 2017
Valley Dale Ballroom

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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.



May 8, 2017

AGENDA

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

12:05 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Luncheon Program – Ballroom
Commendations
Recognitions
Scholarship Presentations
Scholarship Awards



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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

2017 projects

Beechcroft High School

No-Limits – Conducting a student-staff basketball game and volleyball game in conjunction with Freshman Fusion and Student Council to encourage everyone to come together and to know the importance of family in school.

The International Fair – Promoting the wide variety of cultures in our school by conducting a fair featuring foreign students dressed in authentic clothes, authentic food, authentic music, the countries' flags and more so that our ESL students can share their heritage with the entire school.

Briggs High School

Briggs Crew – Assisting Freshmen in making a successful transition to high school and having a positive year through linking upper-class students with small groups of 9th graders, and stressing the importance of diligent school attendance and academic success.

Briggs @ Lindbergh Elementary School – Reading Buddies – Addressing Lindbergh 3rd-graders' need for extra support in reading, writing and math, and helping them pass the 3rd grade reading exam by having trained Briggs students work with Lindbergh students on a regular basis.

Kawaii Bentos – Supporting children in challenging situations by providing a meal at the YWCA Family Center and having the Anime Club write positive, illustrated notes for the children at the Center.

Centennial High School

NHS Special Olympics – Supporting Special Olympics at its Winter State Aquatic Meet to maximize this positive experience for the special-needs participants and help the SO staff provide as much individual attention as possible.

Stars Link Crew – Orienting upper-class students to then serve as mentors for 9th-graders throughout the year as a way to promote their on-going academic and social success and an overall positive and caring school culture.

Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat – Extending CHS Thespian Society, Troup 6300's activities to include addressing hunger by collecting donations within the school and on Halloween Night and giving them to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

Columbus Africentric Early College

Bed Brigade – Assisting the Bed Brigade organization by building beds to help the "invisible poor" whose children do not have a comfortable or safe place to sleep.

CAEC Reads – Building literacy and comprehension skills for CAEC elementary students by dressing up like Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat to make reading more fun and by recruiting OSU athletes to join us in various reading activities.

Lead to Serve – Conducting activities to enhance lives and communities through involvement with soup kitchens, homeless shelters, Ronald McDonald House, Salvation Army, food pantries, and neighborhood clean-ups.

Columbus Alternative High School

CAHS Against Sexual Violence – Educating students about intimate partner violence, human trafficking, childhood abuse and campus assault; empowering students to speak and act against SV; and launching a "Senior Workshop" to inform them about consent and SV in a college environment.

Forcha Reading Empowerment Program – Recognizing that students in Cameroon often lack English texts to improve their 2nd language skills, NHS informed the school about the Forcha Book Program and then collected books which the FBP will provide to Cameroon students.

Student of the Year Campaign LLS – Addressing the high costs of cancer treatment by creating and implementing a variety of fund raising activities, in-school and in the community, to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

2017 projects

Columbus Downtown High School

Spreading Joy – Capitalizing on the talents of our National Technical Honor Society, Engineering and Early Childhood students to create and donate steel holiday ornaments, positive-message inspirational cards, and activity books for young people served by Franklin County Children’s Services.

Becoming Community Leaders – Creating learning games focusing on numbers and letters for children age 3-5 and Kindergarten-3rd grade who are in foster care; collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House; and, working in the Linden Garden.

Game Day – Raising money for Special Olympics by students in Business Professionals of America creating, marketing, and operating multiple student-selected games for which they pay a fee to play on Game Day and by volunteering for the Classic Special Olympics event at Whetstone HS.

Columbus Global Academy

CGA Service Team – Recognizing that we all needed help from others at one point, the team organized itself and provided assistance at a food pantry and at the National Science Teacher program to help them run smoothly and serve their constituents.

Columbus North International School

Cuts N Curls – Building self-esteem and rapport with Como Elementary school students by helping Como students choose a hair style and then doing the actual styling.

Pull for the House – 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.

Weinland and Hubbard Mastery Buddies – Helping elementary school students to increase achievement and learn Chinese through mentoring activities.

Columbus Scioto High School

CHOICE Pantry Volunteers – Preparing to assist 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.

South Side Roots Cafe – Helping the Roots Café provide assistance to people in need by preparing food, cleaning the kitchen, stocking the shelves, and, overall supporting the staff as it works with Café visitors.

East High School

Back on Track – East HS Reaches Back to Eastgate ES – Supporting Eastgate teachers by working with students struggling in reading, writing and mathematics, and by serving as overall mentors to help the students focus hard on school.

E. mbracing A. nd S. erving T. ogether – Enhancing our community by positive interactions between students and St. Phillips church in the form of providing holiday gifts for struggling families, helping with its food pantry, and collecting clothing for students in need and for homeless shelters.

Tiger Pride – Combatting hunger and poverty by organizing the unloading and shelving of Mid-Ohio Foodbank donations to Southside Community Ministries at St. Paul’s Church for its food distribution program.

2017 scholarships

2017 Columbus Rotary Service Above Self

High School Senior Scholarships

Columbus City Schools’ officials identified the senior in each high school who demonstrated the most significant volunteer service during their high school career. Those nominees were invited to apply for a Rotary scholarship. After interviews by Rotarians, these students have been awarded \$2,500 scholarships.

Isatu Barry	Briggs High School
Na’imah Campbell	Columbus Downtown High School
Ahnesti Gaston	Columbus Africentric Early College
Taneeyah Hale	Northland High School
Oluwaeun Isaiah	Independence High School
Kiersten Johnson	Mifflin High School
Terrell Johnson	Eastmoor Academy
Colin Martinez-Watkins	Whetstone High School
Emily Russell	Marion-Franklin High School
Alexis Thompson	Centennial High School
Olivia Wilder	Walnut Ridge High School
Kevin Wolford, II	West High School

2017 middle school recognition

The Student "Service Above Self" Project Middle School Fair was held on March 15, 2017 with 26 Columbus City middle schools participating. Three middle school community service projects were selected to represent the middle schools by exhibiting at the High School "Service Above Self" Fair.

Champion Middle School

Stop The Violence/"The Balance" – Promoting peace and safety in CMS school and the community through assemblies and other dialog with students, community leaders and law enforcement addressing topics such as: a Peace Creed, gang violence, and Focus On Grief.

Columbus Global Academy

Comfort to Carry – Providing homeless people in the community with student-made, water-resistant, portable beds designed to help protect people sleeping outside from rain and snow.

Linden-McKinley STEM Academy

Panther Pen Pals – Pairing up LMSA students with Linden-community adults through letters and Facebook so students can dialogue with caring adults about how this year's school shooting affected them, including their hopes and dreams.



Congratulations
to all participants
for making a difference
in our community.

2017 projects

Eastmoor Academy

Eastmoor Outreach "Head, Heart and Helping Hands" – Supporting and promoting the need for physical care and literacy among the homeless through a toiletry collection and "Garment Buttons for Literacy;" helping people understand the impact of Sickle Cell Anemia on the afflicted and those close to them.

EA Multiple Disabilities Vocational Training Team – Spreading awareness and acceptance for students with disabilities, and providing students with real-world, on-site training and personal relationships with the staff at the Columbus Auto Auction.

The Remembering Savuri Project – Raising awareness of violent trauma, decreasing students involved in conflict, collaborating with police and judiciary, and acknowledging the Casas family through a wide variety of in-school and in-community activities designed for unity, peace, and healing.

Fort Hayes Arts & Academic High School

Blizzard of Service Club – Understanding and helping people in need through: creating and donating blizzard bag kits to Faith Mission; making and delivering Christmas ornaments to Corban Commons residents; and, honoring students' supporters through personalized valentines to teachers and staff.

Helping Fur Friends – Building peer awareness of animal needs and the value of animal adoption by arranging for speakers and collecting donations to support the Capital Area Humane Society and the Cat Café.

Sexting PSA – Realizing that many people are silently suffering from the pressure of sexting, students wrote, directed, starred in, and filmed a Sexting PSA for showing to the student body and creating outlets for deeper conversation.

Independence High School

Brice Road Food Pantry – Exhibiting care for people in need, special needs students and English Language Learners: unloaded and organized Aldi's and Mid-Ohio Foodbank donations to the Pantry; helped people take items to their cars; and, created Bunny Baskets for children served by the Pantry

NHS: Making Health a Priority – Organizing, marketing, and conducting two in-school blood drives for the Red Cross and assisting with the ALS Walk.

Safe Sidewalks – Recognizing the lack of safe sidewalks for IHS students, students: gathered data about current and needed sidewalks from students, police, the safety commission, etc.; received support from the Greater SE Area Commission; advocated with two city council members; and, planned a follow-up.

Linden-McKinley STEM Academy

Doing Good in the Neighborhood – Providing services and support for people in need by National Honor Society members volunteering at St. Stephen's Community Center, Ronald McDonald House, and Life Care Alliance.

Panther Pen Pals – Pairing up LMSA students with Linden-community adults through letters and Facebook so students can dialogue with caring adults about how Linden-area violence affects them, and show that most LMSA students are not violent and/or trouble-makers.

2017 projects

Marion-Franklin High School

Haley's Comets-Yes We Can – Raising breast cancer awareness and giving to struggling community members through NHS supporting MFHS teacher Ms. Haley who has cancer, conducting a blood drive for the Red Cross, and creating the Yes We Can canned goods drive for the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

Ravine Paintings – Helping the Friends of the Ravines foster protection and restoration of ravine areas by art students studying local wild places and then doing paintings of several ravines for display around the school and community.

Red Devils Love Reeb Avenue Center – Responding to serious needs of families affected by having a parent in the criminal justice system, people re-entering the workforce, and people with developmental disabilities, students worked with the ALVIS 180 program at the Reeb Avenue Center on various projects.

Mifflin High School

After School All-Stars – Working with the After School All-Stars staff in providing safe, educational, fun and confidence-building activities for Mifflin Middle School students during after school hours and building positive student-student relationships with students who will attend Mifflin HS soon.

NHS Gives Back – Raising money to support Ronald McDonald House, Meals on Wheels, and the YWCA Family Shelter by baking cookies for RMH residents, helping in the MOW warehouse, donating items to the Family Shelter, and reinforcing the value of service to NHS members.

YOUUniteME – Having a very diverse student body too often results in students not recognizing similarities instead of differences so the YOUUniteME Club was created by students to ask for and feature the “stories” of a variety of students with the entire school as a way to promote understanding.

Northland High School

Link Crew – Easing the pressure on 9th-graders in making the transition to high school, and improving the overall school culture by designing and conducting monthly pride activities.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Increasing awareness of blood donation benefits, using student leadership in the drive through publicizing the Drive, and helping conduct the blood collection activities.

Service Through STEM – Exposing students to the STEM field and making STEM students visible in the community through STEM Club members volunteering at the Special Olympics, Hot Chocolate 5K, Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis, and by hosting National Children's Day.

South High School

Buddy Reading at Ohio Avenue – Improving students' comprehension levels and helping ensure students are advancing in their academic classes through reading with the younger students and modeling reading enjoyment.

Pull for the House – Supporting Ronald McDonald House's resident families by collecting pop tabs from students, families, churches and other community organizations and donating the tabs to assist RMH in paying its utilities, thus easing its spending on non-service activities.

2017 projects

Walnut Ridge High School

African Network – Providing support for African immigrants and being a role model for African youth by organizing activities such as New Year's Eve Gala, Summer Picnic, Community Clean Ups that reinforce the value of education, and unifying the Pan-African Community.

Ronald McDonald House – Showing support for children at Nationwide Children's Hospital and their families at RMH by: making fleece blankets for RMH residents; decorating the dining room with large paper flowers and snowflakes; and “adopting” a family in residence since 2015.

SOAP (Saving Our Adolescents from Prostitution) – Fighting human trafficking by publicizing the national hotline number on student-purchased hotel-size soap bars and sending them to hotels near the Super Bowl, the Final Four and the Arnold Classic – all in the top 5 of human trafficking activity venues.

West High School

Interact – Creating an official Interact Club to engage students in local and global community service and conduct initial Club service activities such as: litter clean up; volunteering at the local Free Store; and helping the Bottom Up's Diaper Fund as it provides diapers to mothers who cannot afford them.

Reading Buddies – West HS @ West Broad ES – Placing high school students, after orientation, in West Broad classrooms to assist in building reading skills and a love of reading with the immediate goal of students passing the 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee exam.

West High Recycling Team – Making WHS more eco-friendly and creating a green environment by supplying bins for classrooms then gathering and disposing recyclable materials.

Whetstone High School

Gay Straight Alliance – Educating students, staff and administration about the GSA and issues/concerns of the LGBTQ community by hanging posters and flyers around the school and inviting students to GSA's weekly meetings for open discussion and/or to talk individually with GSA members.

NHS The Giving Tree – Aiding families in the area that are unable to give their children toys, games, books and warm clothing by collecting these items and working with the Clintonville Beechwood Community Resource Center to distribute holiday stockings filled with the donated items.

Pack Away Hunger – Helping save the lives of children with HIV/AIDS and malnutrition in Lesotho, Africa by WHS Key Club members raising funds needed to buy packable meals with high nutritional value and donating the meals to the Pack Away Hunger organization for distribution.