



## **Student of the Month April 2018**

### Williamson High School – Erica Leonard

Erica, a sophomore, is the daughter of Glenn and Barb Leonard of Millerton. The teacher who nominated Erica stated that they are impressed at “how pleasant, friendly, helpful, and cooperative” Erica is and described her as “having the best sunny attitude and never complains about whatever life throws at her.” Erica is an overall joy for a teacher to encounter as she is always willing to lend a helpful hand. Erica dedicates her time to chorus and has participated in the Student Leadership Academy. Erica also prides herself as being a member of the Battle of the Books team, which she spends countless hours preparing for. After she graduates, Erica plans on attending college to major in nursing; this field will be a perfect fit for her sunny disposition and willingness to help others. Erica, on behalf of the Williamson faculty and staff, congratulations on this achievement.

### Williamson Middle School – Hailey Penner

Hailey resides in Millerton and is the daughter of Linda and Joseph Penner. Hailey is very family oriented and is the proud granddaughter of Mary Irvin, niece of Kevin and Star Penner, Bonnie Thompson and cousin of Jay Thompson. Most importantly, Hailey loves her family and deeply enjoys camping and traveling to special events with them. Hailey is a very active seventh grader. As an active member of the Williamson student body, Hailey is a member of the middle school yearbook staff and is a member of the ski club. She also enjoys alpine skiing, playing basketball and softball for Williamson. In addition to school sports, she plays summer softball in South Port, NY. Horses are a passion of Hailey’s. For several years, this equine enthusiast has been a summer camp participant at the Triple D Farms. This year, Hailey also plans to volunteer to assist the younger aged campers at this horse complex. This fine young lady is a people person. She is a giver! She deeply cares about the wellbeing of other people; especially her classmates. Hailey thrives through service to others. One of her potential career aspirations is within the health profession. Hailey has been inspired by Debra Lopatofsky, DDS, her dentist. This fine adolescent has developed a strong connection with Dr. Lopatofsky and in return has been offered the future opportunity to learn alongside her respected mentor. Hailey’s other potential career aspiration is firmly rooted by her love of family. She is toying with the idea of one day working alongside her father at LJP Trucking, the family owned and operated business. Congratulations Hailey!

### Cowanesque Valley High School – Haley Millard

Haley is a sophomore at Cowanesque Valley and is the daughter of Jesse and Amy Millard of Osceola. She is a bright, kind, respectful student who is genuinely interested in learning. She works hard in the classroom and contributes to the CV community in a variety of ways, some of her interests include the drama club, soccer, student council, band and Battle of the Books. She is also in the history club, on the yearbook staff, and is the Vice President of her class. In the summer, Haley can also be found volunteering for Elkland youth sports program and working at both the Elkland pool and Triple D Farms. Amazingly, she juggles all of these activities and maintains a GPA over a 99. She is, to put it simply, a joy to have as a student. Haley plans on pursuing a career in psychology and acting after graduation.

### Cowanesque Valley Middle School – Schuyler Madison

The Cowanesque Valley Middle School teachers are happy to announce Schuyler Madison as our middle school student of the month. She is in eighth grade and is the daughter of William and Wendy Madison of Westfield. Schuyler is a pleasure to have in the classroom. She always has a smile on her face, and is willing to do whatever is asked of her. She is a hardworking and dedicated student. Outside of the classroom, Schuyler is involved in 4H and Girl Scouts. She is also a member of National Junior Honor Society. Her favorite class is English, and she would like to one day pursue a career in business.

### R.B. Walter Elementary School – Mikenna Buchanan

Mikenna is a sixth grade student and the daughter of Michael and Erica Buchanan of Lawrenceville. Intelligent, hardworking, kind and persistent would be the best words to describe Mikenna. As a sixth grade team, when asked who has all the qualities and characteristics for Student of the Month, Mikenna's name was on all our lists. Academically and socially, she is top notch and has a contagious smile that makes everyone happy when she is around.

Mikenna's interests outside of school include softball, basketball, volleyball and racing. She is also involved in regular and select chorus. Busy is an understatement, but she balances her schoolwork and social activities very well. Her favorite subject in school is math. She loves how math is taught in sixth grade and is excited to learn. When asked who her role model was, she named Quinton Buchanan, her brother, because he inspires her to never give up on what she loves to do whether it's with racing or anything else. When she grows up, Mikenna would like to be a cook or race car driver. She stated that racing is a family tradition and has been for generations. A cook because she loves to cook different things with her dad. Special awards she has received are within softball, basketball and Jr. Fan at Woodhull Raceway as well as honor roll at school. When asked what she felt her strongest character trait was, she responded by saying how smart she was. The sixth grade team completely agrees. But we aren't sure with Mikenna that you can say there is just one strong character trait. She has it all but most importantly, she is kind to everyone.

### Clark Wood Elementary School – Breanna Orr

Breanna is a third grade student at Clark Wood Elementary in Mrs. Daley and Mrs. Ratcliffe's classes. She is the daughter of Mike Orr and Kelly Wheaton of Westfield. Her teachers are very proud to recommend her for Student of the Month. Breanna is very motivated and always willing to help others. She takes care of her friends and is respectful of their needs. Breanna can always be counted on to demonstrate the RAMS positive behavior expectations and to be a role-model for other students in her class. Her teachers say she has a sweet personality and you can always count on her to do her best. Not only does Breanna work hard in school, but she also participates in cheerleading in the fall. She is able to show her passion for animals while taking care of her dogs and ducks at home. Breanna's positive attitude and infectious smile make her a delight to be around. We are so proud of her!

### Westfield Area Elementary School – Liam Kies

Liam, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student, is the son of Linda and Jeff Kies of Westfield. Liam is involved in student council, Battle of the Books, indoor and outdoor soccer, and ski club. He also plays the euphonium in the band. Outside of school, Liam is in Boy Scouts and plays baseball for the Westfield Cardinals major's team. In his free time, Liam enjoys practicing soccer, playing video games, reading for Battle of the Books, and catching up on his sleep. His teachers describe him as compassionate, considerate of those around him, and always willing to lend a helping hand! He is meticulous in his school work and always gives 100% in everything he does. We are proud to have Liam Kies as our Student of the Month!

If interested in obtaining an electronic picture of your student of the month please email Kathy VanSchaick at [kathy.vanschaick@ntiogasd.org](mailto:kathy.vanschaick@ntiogasd.org).