

## 2012 Spirit of Youth Nominees

Name	Hometown	School District	Category
<b>Aana Rangitsch</b> is involved with school wide solutions to help students in need. She has a positive attitude and is driven to succeed.	Palmer	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Service to Peers
As a charismatic and motivated young man, <b>Alan Luna</b> helped his breakdancing group, the Service B-Boys Club, host a dancing "battle" fundraiser for two of the group's teen members diagnosed with cancer.	Anchorage	Anchorage	Lifesaver and Prevention
<b>Alan Young</b> is an accomplished tuba player and is dedicated to his music, which inspires others. He says the tuba is a more versatile instrument than many would believe.	Juneau		Fine Arts
<b>Alaska Association of Student Governments</b> addresses suicide prevention through conversations that tie into bullying, domestic violence, drug & alcohol abuse, and sexual assault.	Anchorage	Anchorage	Lifesaver and Prevention
<b>Alaska Promoting Health Among Teens (AKPHAT-a research project)</b> Peer Educators are implementing a teenage pregnancy prevention program. Curriculum offers abstinence education aiming to teach youth to act responsibly when faced with risky situations and to be proud of their decisions. This curriculum is intended to empower both the peer educators and the participants.	Anchorage	Anchorage	Service to Peers
<b>Alex Reber</b> organizes his Boy Scout Troop to display 100 American flags in downtown Eagle River to celebrate National holidays. During a strong windstorm he took the flags down early and mended them as needed.	Eagle River	Anchorage	Service to Community
<b>Alicia Noel Crisci</b> encourages traditional Eskimo activities. She and her friends rejuvenated an Eskimo Dance Group by learning to play drums and sing, which are traditionally a man's role.	Wales	Bering Strait School District	Cultural Pursuits
<b>Alisandra Marvel</b> participates in school activities which promote health, safety and improving school climate. Her character shines through in all her commitments.	Wasilla	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Service to Community
<b>Allen C. Pullings</b> is a youth advocate for Catholic Social Services and is helping plan a school assembly to inform the student body about the relocated Clare House, a Women and Children's shelter.	Anchorage	Anchorage	Service to Community
<b>Alora Zulliger</b> volunteers each summer at a two-week drama camp for younger youth. She also volunteers at the Valley Performing Arts Center and she works hard for	Wasilla	Galena City	Fine Arts

all theater productions she commits to.			
<b>Alyscia Sanderson</b> is the president of the Colony High School student government where she helps plan fund raisers, leads meetings, and organizes hosted events.	Palmer	Matanuska-Susitna	Business and Government
<b>Alyssa Shoeneberger</b> is highly involved in the fine arts and teaches dance to children. She is compassionate, dedicated and a role model for young dancers.	Wasilla	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Service to Young Children
<b>Amanda Hoeldt</b> earned a leadership role for her school's Math and Science Expedition, a week long raft trip covering 60 miles. She is responsible, organized and her peers look up to her for her confidence and unrelenting pursuit of answers.	Aniak	Kuspuk	Science and the Environment
<b>Amanda Homekingkeo</b> is involved in Student Council, Student Government, running club and basketball. She is being nominated for her helpful nature and strong voice.	Sitka	Sitka School District	Business and Government
<b>Amanda Hoover</b> volunteers for several organizations in her Skagway community including Have-A-Heart and Emblem Club. She is always very reliable and willing to help.	Skagway	Skagway	Service to Community
<b>Anelise Zimmer</b> has volunteered and worked with the USFWS (Fish and Wildlife Service) in a number of impressive ways that relate to science and the environment. She is a natural leader and contributed by: creating and implementing environmental education programs, cleaning up beaches, maintaining trails and facilities, educating the public and much more.	Kodiak School District	Kodiak Island	Science and the Environment
<b>Annie Willardson</b> makes the people around her better, a real spitfire whose outgoing personality attracts others and makes them want to join her cause and help her. She is currently raising money during lunches to benefit her sister with Hodgkin's Lymphoma.	Palmer	Matanuska-Susitna	Service to Peers
<b>Anthony Keller</b> was a youth counselor for the Knik Tribal Council's Knik K'Kalte Camp, for culture and traditional subsistence fishing. He is a great role model for younger children.	Wasilla	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Lifesaver and Prevention
The <b>ATCA Youth Leaders</b> are being nominated for working together in letting other teens know about the ill effects of tobacco in various ways and developing local community events to spread tobacco awareness.	statewide	Various	Lifesaver and Prevention
<b>Austin Hales</b> is a volunteer firefighter, teaches cadets at Civil Air Patrol and is also an EMT. He has great qualities such as leadership, friendliness, courage and compassion.	Juneau	Juneau School District	Service to Community

<b>Between the Rivers</b> is an acoustic rock duo from Eagle River who spends their free time practicing and playing gigs in the community.	Eagle River	Anchorage	Fine Arts
<b>Birch Boyer</b> participates in a FIRST LEGO League team and also mentors his younger brother's team. He says he learns a lot by helping others and serving as a role model.	Anchorage	Anchorage	Science and the Environment
<b>Braden Bowker</b> is outspoken in class and goes beyond expectations with assignments. He is a leader in the classroom and with sports.	Wasilla	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Service to Peers
<b>Bradley Bourdon</b> has been an amazing leader at Anchorage Youth Court where he has served on 192 cases as an attorney or judge since his swearing in. This means Bradley has had a direct positive impact on the lives of 192 of his peers.	Anchorage	Anchorage	Service to Community
<b>Bradley Grover</b> spends his time helping others at school, helping the elderly, and donating his time to local programs. He is a hardworking, selfless individual who always has the best interest of others in mind.	Wasilla	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Service to Peers
<b>Brenda Castonguay</b> has been an outstanding and dedicated volunteer for the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge citizen science bird banding program for the past three years.	Kodiak	Kodiak Island	Science and the Environment
<b>Chance Haller</b> is volunteer as both a Junior Fire fighter as well as an Emergency Trauma Technician with the EMS department at the Seldovia Volunteer Fire Department. He has proven to be a huge support to the department by participating in both mundane and exciting tasks with willingness and a smile.	Seldovia	Kenai Peninsula School District	Lifesaver and Prevention
<b>Chase Stephens</b> is part of National Honor Society and she volunteers with her community basketball team.	Palmer	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Service to Community
<b>Cheyenne Shaishnikoff</b> has been deeply involved in helping to preserve the Aleut culture in the Aleutians. She had recently been selected as the AFN youth representative for her community.	Unalaska	Unalaska City	Cultural Pursuits
<b>Christian Paul</b> is a Native Youth Olympian and Eskimo Olympics champion. He is deeply connected to the games' traditional heritage and is advised by his elders.	Kipnuk	Cultural Pursuits	
<b>CHS Student Student Government and Leadership Class</b> works together to organize fundraisers and events. Last year this group raises \$20,000 to help the people in their community both privately and through "My House"	Palmer	Matanuska-Susitna	Business and Government

<p><b>Cody Wayne Warfield-</b> Between the Boy Scouts, 4H, and just having the desire to help people out Cody has given back thousands of hours of community service to the various organizations and people of the Kenai Peninsula</p>	Sterling	Kenai Peninsula School District	
<p><b>Colony Middle School Cheerleaders</b> inspire each other to do their best, and in doing so have raised the bar for middle school sports and have exceeded in performance and athleticism.</p>	Palmer	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Fine Arts
<p><b>Corey Vargason</b> is part of Junior ROTC and volunteered to refinish the shop benches at the middle school.</p>	Palmer	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Service to Peers
<p><b>Courtney Stroh</b> expanded a school project to start ROC the Kenai, or Rock the Community. She educates fishers how to properly dispose of fish waste and trash to conserve the Kenai River.</p>	Kenai	Kenai Peninsula School District	
<p><b>Damien Fulp</b> is a leader among young athletes in his community whom he helps mentor and coach. He is also instrumental in his school's Rural Urban Rose Exchange program.</p>	Palmer	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Overcoming Challenges
<p><b>Dylan Gette-King</b> participated in the Choose Respect March and then wrote about the event for the Frontiersman newspaper, as part of a partnership between students and the paper's school page.</p>	Palmer	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Service to Community
<p>Though he suffers chronic pain himself, <b>Forrest Wilder Campnell</b> is dedicated to a plethora of volunteer outreach activities and is studying to become a Biomedical Engineer to make a difference for those who suffer from chronic disease.</p>	Chugiak	Anchorage	Overcoming Challenges
<p><b>Ghen Sasakura</b> has participated in HoWL (whose mission is to provide outdoor experiential education to young people in Alaska) for four years. In 2012, Ghen stepped up as a Junior Leader, and assisted on multiple trips as a junior leader, teaching his peers about wilderness skills and group leadership.</p>	Homer	Kenai Peninsula School District	Service to Peers
<p>The <b>Golovin Youth Track</b> worked to ban plastics being burned in the community's landfill. They presented at forums around the state educating others on associated hazards and how to protect health of local residents.</p>	Golovin	Bering Strait	Service to Community
<p><b>Gusty Michael School Student Body</b> run the only store on our isolated, island community of 35 residents. They put their academic learning to practical application by ordering groceries, stocking shelves and selling groceries to our community.</p>	Stoney River	Kuspuk School District	Service to Community

Hannah is being nominated for volunteering as a kindergarten and 1st grade Teacher's Aid. She also reads with the elementary school students.	Skagway	Skagway	Service to Young Children
<b>Harrison Jennings</b> came to the Grassroots Fairtrade store on a fundraising day for the Spirit of Youth Program. He played his mandolin beautifully for customers while they purchased Christmas gifts.	Anchorage	Anchorage	Fine Arts
<b>Hayden Beard</b> does a lot for his high school. He is the Student Council President and the Student Representative on the school board. He puts much time in helping his community by planning local festivals and organizing events.	Seward	Kenai Peninsula Borough	Service to Community
Healy Tech Team students from Tri-Valley School has mentored under professional sound technicians and learned how to set up theatrical sounds and lights for professional performances. Students travel with professional performers and setting up the tech in Fairbanks, Healy and in Delta Junction.	Healy	Denali Borough School District	Technology and Media
<b>Helena Oxereok</b> was a very involved student but dropped out of school, ran away and had a baby. With support, she returned to school and earned a diploma. She speaks to the difficulty of having a baby, and encourages others to graduate on time.	Wales	Bering Strait	Overcoming Challenges
<b>inJEKT Films</b> describe themselves as just a couple guys who like making short action films in their spare time. They ran a Kickstarter Campaign this fall and raised \$1,000 to complete the fourth installment of their Western Justice series.	Anchorage	Anchorage	Technology and Media
<b>Isaiah Kolendo</b> is a great role model for his peers. He goes above and beyond expectations.	Palmer	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Service to Peers
<b>James Gilcrest</b> is a very positive and inspiring person who brings positive energy to everything he does. He is a volunteer firefighter and is currently serving in the National Guard	Juneau	Juneau School District	
<b>Jaylen Gologergan</b> has been involved in Eskimo Drumming and Dancing since the age of 3. He is instrumental in the success of the group leading the songs fluently in Siberian Yupik. It is because of people like Jaylen that the Eskimo culture will continue.	Nome	Nome Public Schools	Cultural Pursuits
<b>JDHS Interact Club</b> Students in the club participated in the ""Sleep-out"" project, where they slept outside in cardboard boxes for one night raising awareness of the homelessness issue in the community."	Juneau	Juneau School District	Service to Peers

<b>Jeremiah Parret</b> has lived through the choices of others to use drugs. Now he takes a stance against drugs, knowing they not only affect the user but loved ones too.	Wasilla	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Overcoming Challenges
<b>Jerry Phillips</b> is a positive role model, president of the student council and an active participant in many school activities including volleyball, Kick Ash and NYO. It is his physical challenges and can-do attitude make him outstanding.	Akiak	Yupitit School District	Overcoming Challenges
<b>Jesse Kitson</b> was able to balance his school work while devoting full days to taking care of his mother-in-law who needed direct care while she was sick. Jessie had to wake up early every day and stay very late at her home. He was very willing and selfless during this time.	Sterling	Kenai Peninsula School District	
<b>Jessie Jones</b> has worked hard to become a better student. She is now the historian of the Colony High School Student Government where she does a great job taking pictures and documenting activities.	Palmer	Matanuska-Susitna	Business and Government
Jonhon Delaquito exhibits care, sensitivity, diplomacy and excellent judgment with all of his various volunteering efforts in the Glenallen community including supporting the Copper Basin 300 and emergency rescue services.	Glenallen	Copper River School District	
Josh Morrisett collected and fundraised for "Bare Necessities" undergarments for homeless teens and adults in the Anchorage bowl. He hand distributes his donations to personally convey his message of caring regardless of ethnicity, race, gender or age.	Chugiak	Anchorage	Cultural Pursuits
<b>Julia Carmack</b> - After Julia's older sister was severely injured in a car accident, Julia has altered her school schedule to become a full-time caretaker for her injured sister as well as her sister's one year old daughter. She performs this act of compassion with selfless dignity. Julia attends classes both in person and on-line and has still been able to maintain honors status.	Anchorage	Anchorage	Overcoming Challenges
<b>Julia Gebert</b> was an ACS Summer of Heroes award recipient and addressed the National Federation of the Blind Alaska convention using her own blindness as an inspiration. She also organized a service project for the event, benefitting homeless individuals.	Anchorage	Anchorage	Overcoming Challenges
<b>Justin Scott</b> is a strong youth and a positive role model who is involved with his parents' subsistence way of living. He is respectful and always helpful, especially with the Elders.	Kotzebue	Northwest Arctic Borough	Cultural Pursuits
<b>K.A.R.A.T.</b> youth provide awareness of dangers and	Kodiak	Kodiak Island	Lifesaver and

health effects of tobacco, second hand smoke, smokeless tobacco to children, parents and community through KMXT public radio show "ENCHANTED ISLAND," and supporting Relay For Life.			Prevention
The <b>Kaktovik Youth Ambassadors</b> (Chelsea, Tori, Madeline and Archie) give safety talks to visitors and community members regarding polar bears that come ashore. They educate on behaviors that keep humans and bears safe.	Kaktovik	North Slope Borough	Service to Community
Kassandra Matotte led a group of students in a project aimed at recognizing our Wounded Soldiers in Alaska.	Chugiak	Anchorage	Overcoming Challenges
<b>Katera Seybert</b> elected to be a teacher's aide in an intensive needs classroom. She also volunteers to organize charitable events, serve meals at Bean's Café, and help her church, among other ways to improve the quality of life for others.	Anchorage	Anchorage	Service to Community
<b>Katie Davis-</b> As a member of the Sitka Youth Leadership Committee Katie helped resurrect the forgotten workshop called "Non-Violent Communication." During this workshop youth develop healthy styles of communicating with one another.	Sitka	Sitka School District	
<b>Kayla Wolfe</b> is being nominated because she likes to help people in need. By putting herself if front of others, she inspires the youth in her community.	Sitka	Sitka School District	Lifesaver and Prevention
<b>Keefer Brown</b> has spent past 3 summers decorating and selling candles to the visitors and towns' people of Seldovia. All proceeds are donated to the Alaska Sea Life Center to support the rehabilitation on sea animals.	Seldovia	Kenai Peninsula School District	
<b>Kelly May</b> is a member of Young Native Fiddlers (YNF), a non-profit Native youth group. For two years now, he has taught up to eight 5, 6 and 7 year olds every Saturday for 15 weeks in the fall and again for 15 weeks in the spring. He provides a pathway for Alaska Native youth to develop cultural resilience.	North Pole	Fairbanks North Star Borough School District	Service to Young Children
Through many volunteer activities <b>Keomi Chrim</b> has shown passion in making a difference in her community. She is now focusing her efforts on an anti-bullying campaign to teach kids how to stop bullying and spread awareness.	Sand Point	Aleutian East Borough School District	
<b>Kodiak High School Student Council</b> painted a WALL OF HOPE to support suicide prevention in its student body.	Kodiak	Kodiak Island School District	Lifesaver and Prevention

<p><b>Krystian Roehl</b> was nominated by 3 different people for her leadership in creating a supportive community for Special Olympics athletes through the West High Partners Club, hosting students from rural Alaska through the Rose Urban Rural Exchange, and for being dedicated to helping care for her family and friends in need.</p>	Anchorage	Anchorage	
<p><b>Lachlan Kirven</b> has volunteered has been involved in creating hands on education stations for a for many agencies in the Kodiak area including Girl Scouts, Kodiak Area Native Association, Kodiak Refuge Salmon Camp and environmental education programs for the youth.</p>	Kodiak	Kodiak Island	Science and the Environment
<p><b>Leila Pyle</b> is addressing important issues by passing on ethics about conservation and appreciation for our natural environment by helping educate youth about the environment through her art.</p>	Kodiak	Kodiak Island	Fine Arts
<p><b>Liberty Lynn Giles</b> volunteers her time to work with emotionally disturbed individuals. Her involvement helps address the problem of suicide.</p>	Wasilla	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Service to Peers
<p><b>Lilly Sessom</b> is a supportive team member in her gymnastics program, helping coach younger athletes and modeling life skills. She also presented to many second graders on healthy habits.</p>	Palmer	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Service to Young Children
<p><b>Lucas Arthur</b> helps keep the environment clean by picking up trash around the neighborhood. He is a positive role model for others.</p>	Wasilla	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Service to Community
<p><b>Luke Jager</b> helped organize "Mary's Fun Run" for a friend critically injured in a bike/car accident. Hundreds of participants raised funds for her medical expenses. He also promotes trail and road safety around Anchorage.</p>	Anchorage	Anchorage	Service to Peers
<p><b>Maddy Moore</b> has been an amazing leader at Anchorage Youth Court where she helps stop illegal behavior by encouraging understanding and respect for the law. She gave over 350 hours of her time to the organization in 2012 alone.</p>	Anchorage	Anchorage	Service to Community
<p>Madison McAleavey led teens in earning funds, collecting items for and assembling personalized baskets for homeless families through Safe Harbor Inn.</p>	Chugiak	Anchorage	Service to Young Children
<p><b>Magen Spencer</b> is a remarkable young woman. She is passionate about making her community a better place and inspiring her peers to be the best that they can be. Through her multiple volunteer activities she demonstrates a commitment to youth and to the Nenana community.</p>	Nenana	Nenana School District	Service to Community



<p><b>Maggie Dunn</b> plays the bass clarinet, upright bass, and piano. She volunteers her time mentoring elementary school students in music for the past 4 years. Her positive attitude helps her balance her school, job in Daycare and volunteer time.</p>	Sitka	Sitka School District	Fine Arts
<p><b>Marissa Williams</b> is being nominated for her outgoing "can do" attitude. She is involved with student council, Fighting Against Teen Smoking (F.A.T.S.), Anti-Bullying Campaign and a representative of the Sand Point Teen Center.</p>	Sand Point	Aleutian East Borough School District	Service to Community
<p><b>Mckenzie Kennedy</b> is a student aid for her school's special needs program. She spends her time assisting the students with quilting, cooking, and playing adaptive sports.</p>	Wasilla	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Service to Peers
<p><b>Megan Kennedy</b> volunteers to participate as a peer helper in classroom of students with special needs during the school day. She is always kind, respectful and supportive to the students and teachers.</p>	Wasilla	Matanuska-Susitna	Service to Peers
<p><b>Michael Reber</b> organizes his Boy Scout Troop to display one-hundred American flags in downtown Eagle River to celebrate National holidays. During a strong windstorm he took the flags down early and mended them as needed.</p>	Eagle River	Anchorage	Service to Community
<p><b>Monica Heintzman</b> is a service-oriented person whether it's volunteering at the local animal shelter or assisting others with her giving heart.</p>	Wasilla	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Service to Community
<p>The <b>Mount Edgecumbe Radio Club</b> hosts a youth-led, hour-long monthly radio show on the local public radio station. The show connects the Sitka community to the student community, breaking down youth stereotypes.</p>	Sitka	Mount Edgecumbe High School	Technology and Media
<p><b>Mykel Siegrist</b> takes an active interest in joining groups and activities which make a difference for the school community. She is quiet, effective, persistent and caring.</p>	Palmer	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Service to Peers
<p><b>Nanwalek Summer Youth</b> help and serve their elders by chopping wood, house cleaning, delivering traditional foods and putting away fish for the winter. The youth earn a sense of worthwhile the elders value their assistance.</p>	Nanwalek	Kenai Peninsula Borough	Service to Community
<p>The <b>Napaskiak Yup'ik Dance Group</b> provides a holistic wellness opportunity for youth because it uses an important part of Yup'ik culture to engage young people. The leadership and positive outreach brought forth through the dancers and drummers help confront substance abuse.</p>	Napaskiak	Lower Kuskokwim School District	Cultural Pursuits

<p><b>Nasu Dan</b>- Every Wednesday afternoon during the summer Nasu delivered food boxes to over 150 children in need with Joel's Place Bone Builder Backpack Summer Program.</p>	Fairbanks	Fairbanks	Service to Community
<p><b>Nino Delgado</b> volunteers every Monday and Friday with the Alaska Boxing Academy at Boys and Girls Club and at camps with Volunteers of America. He brings his skills to at-risk youth to inspire discipline and skills rather than brute force and toughness.</p>	Anchorage	Anchorage	Service to Young Children
<p><b>Paige Penderson</b> has been volunteering since the age of 3. Despite living with childhood arthritis, she continues to raise money for different causes including cancer, diabetes, arthritis and Alaska CARES.</p>	Anchorage	Anchorage	
<p><b>Patricia Jackson</b> led the 'Hope Wall' for 'Suicide Awareness' week at her school. The Wall invited students and staff to write words that make them happy to be alive. She also holds a strong interest in the arts.</p>	Petersburg	Petersburg City Schools	Fine Arts
<p><b>Peter Squartsoff</b>- While a teenager, Peter spent three years working on an Alutiiq songbook despite not knowing his traditional language at the start. He learned to speak and write Alutiiq as he transcribed and organized local songs, which will get published.</p>	Kodiak	Kodiak Island	Cultural Pursuits
<p>Phylcia Don collected and fundraised for "Bare Necessities," undergarments for homeless teens and adults in the Anchorage bowl. She hand distributes his donations to personally convey his message of caring regardless of ethnicity, race, gender or age.</p>	Chugiak	Anchorage	Cultural Pursuits
<p><b>Rachel Farahjood</b> motivates her peers to benefit schools in developing African countries. She addresses literacy and cultural inequality through projects like a book drive.</p>	Anchorage	Anchorage	Service to Community
<p><b>Rachell Gulanes</b> represented Alaska on a panel with the U.S. Surgeon General to address tobacco use by youth, during a multi-state meeting. She also leads tobacco prevention efforts with a statewide youth coalition and student governments.</p>	Unalaska	Unalaska City	Lifesaver and Prevention
<p><b>Rachell Gulanes</b> is involved with many volunteer programs including Influence the Difference (suicide and drug prevention) and is highly involved with the Teen Council and Student Government. She is a true leader in her community.</p>	Unalaska	Unalaska City	
<p><b>Rebel Riders Rodeo Trick Riders</b> has volunteered time and time again to assist our therapeutic equine program with several fundraisers, as well as mucking stalls, side walking, tacking horses. They are always smiling and willing to help support our physically and mentally</p>	Anchorage	Anchorage	Service to Community

disabled clients.			
<b>Regan Fitzgerald</b> is being nominated for her advocacy for women's and children's rights. Her program Pillow Pals helps provide foster children a place to carry their necessity items.	Anchorage	Anchorage	
<b>Regina Pingayak-Simon</b> is being nominated for her involvement as a violinist with the lead orchestra at her school. She practices in and out of school with a variety of musicians.	Fairbanks	Fairbanks Northstar Borough School District	Fine Arts
<b>Riccardo Kerns</b> volunteers every Monday and Friday with the Alaska Boxing Academy at Boys and Girls Club and at camps with Volunteers of America. He brings his skills to at-risk youth to inspire discipline and skills rather than brute force and toughness.	Anchorage	Anchorage	Service to Young Children
<b>Rolanda Scaife</b> is heavily involved with various activities, and also leads many of them. Even with a great deal of responsibility she remembers to pursue her personal goal of going to college.	Juneau	Juneau	Cultural Pursuits
<b>Rosalie Westfall</b> mentored the first Skagway Lego League Robotics team. She also raised money to help pay medical bills for community members through the Have-A-Heart program.	Skagway	Skagway	Service to Community
As the President of his school, <b>Royal Henderson</b> helps make the Haines High School a better place to learn. He is the youngest school board member in the State of Alaska.	Haines	Haines Borough School District	Business and Government
Samantha Edington worked with friends to establish the non-profit organization, Children Helping Children in Alaska. They make and sell craft items and donate the money earned to buy useful items for ill children at Providence Hospital.	Anchorage	Anchorage	Service to Young Children
<b>Samantha Lamont</b> is a born leader who rises to meet new challenges. She helps others stay away from alcohol abuse and encourages involvement in service to others and activities at school.	Tuluksak	Yupit School District	Service to Young Children
<b>Sarah O'Leary</b> has overcome many challenges including gracefully living with childhood Diabetes. She continues to involve herself in many volunteer activities that strengthen her community.	Seldovia	Kenai Peninsula School District	
Through hard work <b>Selah Rees</b> has paved the way to share her musical talents. She also shares her music at charitable events and reaches out to young children.	Anchorage		Fine Arts

<b>Shannel Newman</b> is being nominated for her fabulous babysitting abilities. She is a really big help to parents of King Cove because she is always willing to caretake.	Kings Cove	Aleutians East Borough School District	Service to Young Children
<b>Shaylee Rizzo</b> wrote and illustrated a children's book about driving safety and accidents involving moose. "Missy the Moose" has turned into a lively and educational character presented in classrooms.	Kenai	Kenai Peninsula Borough	Lifesaver and Prevention
<b>Slade Manning</b> has become a YouTube sensation with his videos that feature amazing ping pong, basketball, disc golf and basketball shots.	Anchorage	Anchorage	Technology and Media
<b>Stacey Garbett</b> used her Girl Scout Gold Award as a way to help Wounded Warriors returning home to Eielson AFB. She fundraised for improvements to soldiers' recuperation rooms.	Fairbanks	Fairbanks	Service to Community
<b>Sydney Zuyus</b> organized a fundraising campaign to support building schools in underdeveloped countries. She also raised awareness in classrooms, and she volunteers in other areas.	Palmer	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Service to Community
<b>Tanner Menard</b> has been involved in many activities over the years, upheld a 4.0 grade point, and continued in soccer and basketball. Tanner has also coached younger athletes, taught Sunday school, and tutored students.	Wasilla	Matanuska-Susitna	Overcoming Challenges
<b>Taylor Vidic</b> uses her gift and passion for singing to perform the National Anthem at many events. She was also the youngest participant to ever sing at a fundraiser for the Juneau Lyric Opera.	Juneau	Juneau	Fine Arts
<b>Teens Acting Against Violence</b> write, memorize and perform short skits addressing crucial issues surrounding healthy relationships. They educate their peers and participate in traditional activities to deepen their cultural connections.	Bethel	Lower Kuskokwim	Service to Peers
<b>Tessa Baldwin</b> is an advocate for suicide prevention. Her leadership on this issue has led to the creation of a statewide leadership team, as well as an appointment on the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council. For her ambitions with Hope4Alaska, Tessa met President Obama.	Kotzebue	Northwest Arctic	Service to Peers
<b>The Fiddleheads</b> are a youth band and they play a blend of traditional and Irish folk music. They have performed numerous times at the Alaska Folk Festival in Juneau.	Petersburg	Petersburg City Schools	Fine Arts
<b>The Partners Club</b> encourages good peer communication and friendship amongst students with special needs.	Kodiak	Kodiak Island School District	Service to Peers

<p><b>Tiffany Immingan</b> job shadowed the Arctic Care Vets, learning how to examine dogs. She has since helped many families by taking care of dogs, from births to vaccinations. Without a veterinarian in Savoonga, Tiffany's passion for healthy pets contributes to a safer community.</p>	Savoonga	Bering Strait	Lifesaver and Prevention
<p><b>Traven Apiki</b> is student body president and strives to attain what his peers need. He takes time to listen to any student and addresses issues at the city or school board level. He will also work with teens on their resumes for employment.</p>	Homer	Kenai Peninsula Borough	Service to Peers
<p><b>Trent Johns and 4th Period Science Class</b> remarked in a geography class that a placename on a map was racist. He and his classmates worked with a linguist and an elder to officially rename a creek and mountain with traditional Athabascan names.</p>	Fairbanks	Fairbanks North Star Borough	Service to Community
<p><b>Trevor Waldorf's</b> job as the Peer Educator for the PHAT(Promoting Health Among Teens) and volunteer work through Youth on Record has been integral in helping support his youth peers in making positive life choices. At both programs he strives to reach at-risk youth and works towards reducing unplanned teen pregnancy, reducing STI and HIV transmission among teens, and promoting Healthy relationships in varying fronts.</p>	Anchor Point	Kenai Peninsula Board	Service to Peers
<p><b>Tuesona Tungwenuk</b> is a spirited volunteer DJ for KNOM Radio, as well as a board member for Arctic Access. She has spent her entire life in a wheelchair and she passionately promotes disability awareness with radio listeners.</p>	Nome	Technology and Media	
<p><b>Wendler Middle School Friends of Rachel</b> the students involved with the Friends of Rachel reinforce the messages of kindness, compassion, leading, helping and forgiveness by being part of the solution and not part of the problem.</p>	Anchorage	Anchorage	Service to Community
<p><b>Yolanda Georges</b> is being nominated for her vigor and dedication while playing basketball for which she has become a great role model for the younger kids in her community.</p>	Tuntutuliak	Lower Kuskokwim School District	Overcoming Challenges
<p><b>Zachary Neubauer</b> truly loves the Palmer Hay Flats Game Refuge and his actions prove it. The ten plus years of service he has provided to the Refuge certainly is in sync with his personal mantra of "Think Globally and Act Locally."</p>	Wasilla	Matanuska-Susitna	Science and the Environment
<p><b>Zachary Neubauer</b> is being nominated for the incredible</p>	Wasilla	Matanuska-	

amount of community service he has provided. Particularly, his work with the Teeland Middle School Students in an architecture project sponsored by the Council of Educational Facility Planners International.

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