

PRESS RELEASE -- July 2010

West Chester, PA—Keystone Federal Credit Union, in cooperation with the Chester County Intermediate Unit, announces the winners in the Third Annual “Shining Star” Awards. The award was created to recognize students who have shown a noticeable improvement in academic performance, extra-curricular involvement, and attendance throughout the school year.

“Shining Star” winners each received a \$200 share certificate of deposit and a trophy from Keystone FCU. Winners included one student from the elementary (K-5), middle (6-8), and high school (9-12) levels from each of the 12 Chester County Public School Districts and the Chester County Intermediate Unit. Plus, the teachers of the winning students each received a \$200 gift certificate to a teacher supply store for classroom supplies.

First Place winners for 2010 include the following area students:

Avon Grove SD:

Jairo Zamudio Torres	--	Fred S. Engle Middle School
Ricardo Quintana	--	Avon Grove High School

Coatesville SD:

Zeidy "Alexa" Nino	--	King's Highway Elementary School
Atiya Davis	--	Coatesville 9/10 Center

CCIU:

Tyler Patton	--	CAT-Pickering
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Downingtown SD:

James Lockwood	--	West Bradford Elementary School
Heashana Williams	--	Downingtown Middle School
Thomas Creedon	--	Downingtown West High School

Kennett Consolidated SD:

Juan Aguilera	--	New Garden Elementary School
Rodrigo Ortiz Reyes	--	Kennett Middle School

Oxford SD:

Rafael Juarez	--	Hopewell Elementary School
Thomas Hastings	--	Nottingham School
Shawn Peek	--	Oxford Area High School

Owen J. Roberts SD:

Isaiah Frey	--	French Creek Elementary
Deanna Miller	--	Owen J. Roberts Middle School

Phoenixville SD:

Alexa Thompson -- Schuylkill Elementary School

Tredyffrin SD:

Christopher "C.J." Bruce -- Valley Forge Elementary School

Unionville-Chadds Ford SD:

Ryan Clark -- Charles F. Patton Middle School

West Chester SD:

Brianna Utz -- Fern Hill Elementary School

Kapil Selvaraj -- Peirce Middle School

Sara Saadeddine -- East High School

Chester County Public School teachers nominated their most improved students for the award. Each teacher wrote a paragraph nominating a student from one of their classes whom they felt embodied the spirit of this award. Nominations were accepted between January 1 and April 1, 2010. All nominated students received a certificate of recognition.

Keystone Federal Credit Union, formerly Chester County School Employees Credit Union, has been the "Educators' Credit Union" since 1939. As a financial institution, we strive to offer only the best service to the educators and students of Chester County.

Keystone FCU is proud to provide financial literacy and educational support for the educators and students of Chester County and looks forward to continuing the "Shining Star" award program in the area school districts for years to come. For more information about the "Shining Star" award program, contact Keystone FCU at (484) 356-0400.