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Outstanding students recognized by Rotary Club of Arlington

ARLINGTON- Five outstanding middle and high school students were recognized Feb. 28 by the Rotary Club of Arlington for making a difference in their respective schools. The Rotarians wanted to recognize students who stand out in different ways in their schools. The Rotary Club also donated \$50 to a charity of the student's choice.

Arlington High School (AHS) student Abril Hernandez is a native Spanish speaker who has only been learning English for a few years. "Despite this, she has taken on German as a third language and she is excelling as one of my top students," said AHS Teacher, Ben Mendro. Abril's \$50 contribution will be made to the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES).

Ava Iverson, also from AHS, is a student in the high school's leadership class who never fails to volunteer her time before or after school to help with various projects that are asked of the class. "Ava goes above and beyond what is expected of her each and every day," said ASB/Leadership Teachers, Julie Martin and Aly Schenavar. "She does all this with a smile on her face and a cheerful spirit." Ava's \$50 contribution will be made to the Humane Society of Skagit County.

Weston High School student Breoni (Bee) Sylvester is thoughtful and especially welcoming to new students. "Bee always stands up for what is right by supporting her classmates and our school culture," said Weston High School Principal, Will Nelson. "Bee has made a concerted effort to improve her grades and her effort has resulted in top notch grade marks." Bee's \$50 contribution will be made to the Northwest Organization for Animal Help (NOAH).

Chloe Fochesato from Haller Middle School is a class leader who is always willing to help others with their work and explain concepts to those who are struggling. "She is a team player who makes everyone in her lab groups learn as

much as possible,” said Haller Science Teacher, Scott Rice. “I am excited to see what she does with her high school career and beyond.” Chloe’s \$50 contribution will be made to the Camano Island Animal Shelter.

Post Middle School student, Jayden Rivera, has made huge growth from his sixth to seventh grade years. “He is coming to school and has recently been moved into advanced coursework including Algebra in eighth grade,” said Post Middle School Principal, Voni Walker. “We are so proud of his progress.” Jayden’s \$50 contribution will be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

“I’m proud of these students and everything they’ve accomplished at their schools,” said Arlington Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Chrys Sweeting. “They are true representatives of our district. Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Arlington for helping us recognize these students and contributing to their charities.”

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Arlington students were recognized Feb. 28 by the Rotary Club of Arlington for making a difference in their schools. (Left to right): Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Arlington Public Schools Superintendent; Breoni Sylvester, Weston High School; Chloe Fochesato, Haller Middle School; Abril Hernandez, Arlington High School; Ava Iverson, Arlington High School; and Paul Ellis, Rotary Club of Arlington President. (Not pictured: Jayden Rivera)