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Rotary Club of Arlington recognizes local students

ARLINGTON- Five outstanding middle and high school students from Arlington Public Schools were recognized Jan. 27 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.

Hong Tran from Arlington High School moved to the United States from Vietnam just three years ago. Though she had studied English grammar and knew how to read a little in English, she could speak very little English. "She is now able to easily communicate with her teachers and her peers," said English Teacher, Becca Harkavy. "She works hard for her 4.0, taking challenging classes like Chemistry and Geometry." Hong's \$50 contribution is being made to the Arlington Community Food Bank.

Weston High School student, Austin Rockstead, is one of the nicest, kindest, hardworking students that has attended Weston. "While we only get to spend half of the school day with him, as he attends Sno-Isle the other half, when he is here, he is a reminder to us of our goal of Public Education...to help create educated, hardworking, empathetic students," said Weston Principal, Andrea Hundredmark. Austin's \$50 contribution will be made to the Make a Wish Foundation.

Ethan Lockard from the Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center is a dedicated student. "He puts a lot of time and effort into his work, going above and beyond to produce polished writing, in-depth research and thoughtful work," said Middle School Humanities Teacher, Rachelle Dolan. "Ethan is a leader in class discussion." Ethan's \$50 contribution will be made to the International Myeloma Foundation.

Haller Middle School student, Mayra Cruz, is a student who is both highly curious and a natural leader. "In the classroom setting, Mayra shows a strong desire to

learn and has been impressive in her understanding of complex issues,” said Haller Teacher, Greer Verrier. “This is due in large part to her willingness to continue her education outside the classroom by reading and studying all available materials.” Mayra’s \$50 contribution will be made to the National Women’s Law Center.

Reaonna Rice from Post Middle School is friendly and often helps people who are having a bad day. “She actively participates in class discussion, deepening the richness of her education to learn from others and her teachers,” said Post Teacher, Josh Thayer. Reaonna’s \$50 contribution will be made to Art with Heart.

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Arlington School District students were recognized Jan. 27 by the Rotary Club of Arlington for making a difference in their schools. (Left to right): Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Arlington Public Schools Superintendent; Mayra Cruz, Haller Middle School; Reaonna Rice, Post Middle School; Hong Tran, Arlington High School; Austin Rockstead, Weston High School; and Ethan Lockard, Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center.