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Eight students recognized by Rotary Club of Arlington

ARLINGTON- Eight outstanding middle and high school students from the Arlington, Darrington and Lakewood School Districts were recognized Jan. 26 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.

Alyssa Acosta from Arlington High School (AHS) maintains a 4.0 GPA and is involved with cheer, Knowledge Bowl, Key Club, Sports Medicine Club and National Honor Society. "In 24 years of teaching, I have rarely come across a student that is as successful and well-rounded as Alyssa," said AHS Teacher, Greg Hurst. Alyssa's \$50 contribution is being made to St. Jude's Cancer Research Hospital.

Darrington High School student, Genalynn Beazer, is well rounded in academics, sports, leadership, student involvement and service to the community. "Gena is an amazing example of what an outstanding student at Darrington High School looks like," said Darrington Teacher on Special Assignment, Shawna Brown. Gena's \$50 contribution is being made to Save the Children.

Helena Burroughs from Lakewood High School (LHS) is one of the top students in her senior class academically. She also has been a part of the school band all four years. "Besides being a great musician, Helena is a wonderful person," said LHS Principal, Jeanette Grisham. "She is kind, helpful to others in the band, a mentor to younger players in the band, and always positive!" Helena's \$50 contribution is being made to the Arlington Community Food Bank.

Weston High School (WHS) student, Grace Higginbotham, loves to help, both inside and outside of the school community. "Grace is Weston's 'Rockstar Senior,'" said WHS Counselor, Katy Brown. "Due to her hard work and effort, she will graduate a semester early." Grace's \$50 contribution is being made to Youth Dynamics.

Mikayla Harrington is an outstanding sixth grader from Haller Middle School. She excels academically and is viewed as a leader by her peers. “Mikayla always demonstrates distinguished behavior and serves as a role model for her peers,” said Haller Middle School Principal, Trever Summers. Mikayla’s \$50 contribution is being made to the Arlington Community Food Bank.

Zoe Byron from Lakewood Middle School (LMS) is active in school sports and is an example for all students. “She is kind to other students and works hard in everything she does,” said LMS Principal, Amanda Cote. “She leads through her examples and her actions every day.” Zoe’s \$50 contribution is being made to the Boys and Girls Club.

Post Middle School student, Adalyn Smith, is outgoing, participates in discussions and is a leader in group activities. “Adalyn is a true role model for other students,” said Post Teacher, Julie Penix. “When I have students like Adalyn, I know our future is positive!” Adalyn’s \$50 contribution is being made to the Arlington Community Food Bank.

Jordyn Richards from the Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center (SVLC) is completing her senior year in the Arlington Online Program. She is on track to graduate in June, with a chance of completing coursework early. “We are proud to have Jordyn in our online program,” said SVLC Teacher, Kimberly Wilson. “She has a bright future!” Jordyn’s \$50 contribution is being made to Stephanie’s Hope.

“We are so proud of our students in Lakewood. One has only to walk down the halls or in the Commons to see their kindness and positive spirit,” said Lakewood School District Superintendent, Scott Peacock. “The students who were recognized exemplify this spirit in every way. Thank you to Rotary for your generous recognition and support.”

“I am proud of all these students and their commitment to excellence and service to others,” said Arlington Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Chrys Sweeting. “Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Arlington for helping us recognize these students and contributing to their charities.”

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Arlington, Darrington and Lakewood School District students were recognized Jan. 26 by the Rotary Club of Arlington for making a difference in their schools. (Left to right): Marilee Herman, Arlington High School Principal; Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Arlington Public Schools Superintendent; Alyssa Acosta, Arlington High School; Adalyn Smith, Post Middle School; Mikayla Harrington, Haller Middle School; Grace Higginbotham, Weston High School; Cindy Christoferson, Darrington High School Principal; Gena Beazer, Darrington High School; Zoe Byron, Lakewood Middle School; Scott Peacock, Lakewood School District Superintendent; Amanda Cote, Lakewood Middle School Principal; Helena Burroughs, Lakewood High School; Jordyn Richards, Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center; and Jeanette Grisham, Lakewood High School Principal.