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7 outstanding students recognized by Rotary Club of Arlington

ARLINGTON- Seven outstanding middle and high school students from the Arlington and Lakewood School Districts were recognized May 18 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.

Carson Rasmussen from Arlington High School shows outstanding citizenship and academic responsibility. "Carson has worked extremely hard since his freshman year to be an accomplished German-language student," said Ben Mendro, German/French Teacher. Carson's \$50 contribution is being made to the Ukrainian Red Cross.

Weston High School's, Alexis Spooner-Jones, is a hardworking and dedicated student. "Earlier this year, she won the Weston High School True North Award for being the student who is actively working towards her long-term goals and making progress," said Lucindie Botsford, Paraeducator. Alexis' \$50 contribution is being made to The NOAH Center.

Maia Brown from Lakewood High School is an outstanding student in so many ways. "She is our Valedictorian this year, maintaining a 4.0 GPA through the first seven semesters of her high school career," said Jeanette Grisham, Principal. "She is kind and thoughtful and loved by students and staff." Maia's \$50 contribution is being made to Red Curtain Foundation for the Arts.

Alyson Kleinman is a model seventh grade student at Haller Middle School. "Alyson is serving as a student representative on the district Budget Advisory Task Force. She is providing a voice and perspective to the important and challenging task of balancing the budget for next year," said Trever Summers, Principal. Alyson's \$50 contribution is being made to the Snohomish County K-9 Foundation.

Post Middle School's Samantha Redford demonstrates a positive attitude in all that she does. "Every morning in PE, she offers to help set up any equipment

needed for both classes, as well as lending a hand for anything needed,” said Jill Mattson, Teacher. Samantha’s \$50 contribution is being made to Seattle Children’s Hospital.

Itzel Dominguez Esparza from Lakewood Middle School has a passion for making the school a better place. “She helps students who need extra guidance on class assignments and is a great role model,” said Amanda Cote, Principal. Itzel’s \$50 contribution is being made to Holy Cross Catholic Church in Lake Stevens.

Brooke Herrera from the Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center has an outstanding work ethic. “Brooke is a hard-working individual,” said Kimberly Johnston, Arlington Online Program Teacher. “In the Arlington Online Program, she has grown academically and demonstrated her ability to advocate for herself by asking for support when needed.” Brooke’s \$50 contribution is being made to Beautiful Soles.

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Arlington and Lakewood School District students were recognized May 18 by the Rotary Club of Arlington for making a difference in their schools. (Left to right): Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Arlington Public Schools Superintendent; Alyson Kleinman, Haller Middle School; Samantha Redford, Post Middle School; Itzel Dominguez Esparza, Lakewood Middle School; Brooke Herrera, Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center; Alexis Spooner-Jones, Weston High School; Maia Brown, Lakewood High School; Carson Rasmussen, Arlington High School; and Scott Peacock, Lakewood School District Superintendent.