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Nine students recognized by Rotary Club of Arlington

ARLINGTON- Nine outstanding middle and high school students from the Arlington, Darrington and Lakewood School Districts were recognized Jan. 25 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's Grant Cramer is an all-around student leader and athlete. "Grant is an outstanding individual who serves his school and community in many ways while maintaining academic excellence with a GPA of 3.93," said Dr. Chrys Sweeting Arlington Public Schools' Superintendent. Grant's \$50 contribution is being made to the Todd Evans Scholarship Fund.

Emily Ross, a junior at Darrington High School, is a very committed positive role model to her peers. "She is able to balance her remarkable grades with an impressive array of extracurricular responsibilities," said Darrington High School Principal Cindy Christoferson. Emily's \$50 contribution is being made to NOAH.

Lakewood High School's Kiana Schroeder is an exceptional 12th grade student. "Kiana is wholeheartedly committed to spreading kindness and creating a school culture that is inclusive and welcoming," said Lakewood High School Principal Jeanette Grisham. Kiana's \$50 contribution is being made to the Lakewood Education Foundation.

Rachael Tanner, a senior at Weston High School, has left an indelible mark on the Weston community. "Rachael's advocacy for the student body has been unwavering, as she fearlessly champions the rights and concerns of her fellow students, ensuring their voices are heard and respected," said Weston Counselor Katy Brown. Rachael's \$50 contribution is being made to the Arlington Arts Council.

Darrington K-8 eighth grader Abrah Welborn shows care and consideration to her peers on a daily basis. “Abrah consistently maintains grades at the top of her class and strives to complete high-quality work that always demonstrates the best of her abilities,” said Darrington Middle School Teacher Melissa Cumming. Abrah’s \$50 contribution is being made to Darrington Junior Athletic Association.

Haller Middle School’s Kyler Severson always has such a positive attitude in everything he does. Haller Principal Brooke Howell said, “He is always willing to do whatever is needed around the school to make Haller a better place. Along with all of that, he has the best school spirit in the 8th grade.” Kyler’s \$50 contribution is being made to Salt of the Earth Food Blessing.

Ava Williamson, an eighth grader at Lakewood Middle School, is an excellent all around student. “Ava is an innovative thinker with a high bar of achievement, and she’s self-motivated and curious to see what she can come up with,” said Lakewood Middle School Principal Amanda Cote. Ava’s \$50 contribution is being made to Doctors without Borders.

Chase Koenigs, an eighth grader from Post Middle School, has maintained a 4.0 GPA in every semester in all classes since sixth grade at Post. “He has a hunger to learn and makes students around him better,” said Post Teacher Mitchell Taylor. “Chase is a pleasant young man who exudes what we want all of our students to be in a humble and kind manner.” Chase’s \$50 contribution is being made to the Alutiiq Museum.

Eighth grader Vivien Palmer from the Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center (SVLC) has exceptional commitment to academic excellence. “Vivien is consistently demonstrating an exemplary work ethic,” said SVLC Teacher Rachel Manza. “She not only maintains an impressive academic record but has also actively sought opportunities for intellectual growth and contributes richly to class discussions.” Viven’s \$50 contribution is being made to the Pacific Northwest Ballet’s Pointe Shoe Fund.

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Arlington, Darrington and Lakewood School District students were recognized Jan. 25 by the Rotary Club of Arlington for being outstanding students. (Left to right): Kyler Severson, Haller Middle School; Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Arlington Public Schools Superintendent; Chase Koenigs, Post Middle School; Vivien Palmer, Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center; Tracy Franke, Darrington School District Superintendent; Rachael Tanner, Weston High School; Emily Ross, Darrington High School; Kiana Schroeder, Lakewood High School; Dr. Erin Murphy, Lakewood School District Superintendent; and Ava Williamson, Lakewood Middle School. (Not pictured: Grant Cramer, Arlington High School, and Abrah Welborn, Darrington K-8).