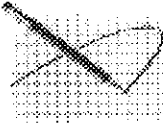


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Alexandria Students Recognized for Exceptional Support of Human Rights

The Alexandria Human Rights Commission announced today that Marisol Vasquez of T.C. Williams High School, Gregory Roberts of Bishop Ireton High School, and the St. Stephen's and St. Agnes Chapter of the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) are winners of the Commission's first Human Rights Awards. The Commission established the Human Rights Awards to recognize students who have contributed significantly toward improving basic human rights and fairness for all in our City. The Commission, Mayor Kerry J. Donley and City Council will recognize the students' achievements at the June 12 City Council meeting; each winner will receive a commemorative plaque and a \$500 award.

In April, officers of the Human Rights Commission contacted key administrators at T. C. Williams, Bishop Ireton, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Episcopal and the Alexandria Campus of the Northern Virginia Community College to invite high school juniors and seniors, and first-year college students, to apply for the awards. Students were required to submit an essay and supportive nomination showcasing the student's

or student group's contributions toward promoting equality, respect and understanding for all persons regardless of race, color, culture, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

"Our goal is to heighten awareness in Alexandria's schools of efforts being made by students to build a sense of harmony among diverse groups," said Commission Chair, Nancy Jenkins. "We were greatly gratified with the response."

Marisol Vasquez, a rising senior at T. C. Williams High School, is an active volunteer in her school, church and community. She has served as President of Building Bridges, a student program that promotes unity among races and cultures to stop stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination. Her poise and interpersonal skills have enabled her to hold leadership positions in service organizations at school and to help present programs celebrating diversity. Ms. Vasquez' nominator, Rebecca Wilson, wrote: "Her commitment to service has crossed many racial and ethnic boundaries in our school and community... Her commitment to helping students of all nationalities and races earned her a National Youth Service Award this Spring."

Gregory Roberts graduated from Bishop Ireton and is headed for the University of Pittsburgh this fall. His nominator describes him as an excellent student, a gifted speaker and orator, and a person of strong personal character. Guidance Counselor Michael McLane writes "Greg's work with our school's Multicultural Club and his own personal endeavors working with students in our Peer Helper Program have done much to promote harmony and understanding in our school. ... I can say unequivocally that this young man has done the most in our school to promote cooperation and understanding across racial, ethnic and gender lines."

The St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School Chapter of the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) encourages students to come together for a common cause: teaching and modeling effective methods to reduce prejudice. NCBI is an affiliate of the national group based in Washington, D. C. To quote from the mission statement, "NCBI is dedicated to ending the mistreatment of every group... All of the NCBI programs aim to develop a new kind of leader, one who initiates diversity programs, takes principled and courageous stands, can enter the heat of emotional group conflict and build bridges, and models being a fierce ally for all groups." This year the group, with help from NCBI-trained student leaders, has sponsored workshops for students, a Multicultural Night and a community dialogue for students in Alexandria.

"The Commission further wishes to express its appreciation to the William D. Euille Foundation for funding the Human Rights Awards", said Commission Chair Jenkins. "Councilman Euille has been at the forefront of youth initiatives in Alexandria. What better way to improve human rights in the community at large than by starting with our students."

The Alexandria City Council created the Human Rights Commission in 1975 to advise

the City Council on matters related to human rights affecting the City and to oversee the Office of Human Rights. The Office of Human Rights enforces the Alexandria Human Rights Ordinance, which precludes discrimination based on age, race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, gender, sexual orientation, familial status, or disability.