



Introduction

The State Student Advisory Council on Education (SSACE) was pleased to offer schools throughout Connecticut the opportunity to apply for recognition in the twenty-third annual Challenge to Educational Citizenship Award program. This program was the “brain child” of the 1996 edition of SSACE as a way of promoting citizenship through co-curricular programs.

Today, we honor nine winning entries from a pool of applications submitted by approximately 25 schools. The recipients embody the spirit of citizenship and commitment to serving others, as well as altruism. Submitted projects were judged by the 16 high school student members of this year’s council. The submissions were evaluated on the basis of the depth, breadth, and quality of impact on others in the school community.

Schools were asked to reflect on the organizations within their school community. Do any epitomize exemplary civic awareness, cooperation, and boundless potential for community impact?

2018 AWARD WINNING SCHOOLS

Bristol Eastern High School

Faculty Contact – Mary Hyde

“Friends of Rachel Club Activities”

Friends of Rachel is a national organization in memory of Rachel Scott, who was killed at Columbine High School. The mission is to promote a safe and positive school environment.

John W. Wallace Middle School, Newington

Faculty Contact – Jessica Morin

“Community Club”

The Community Club has a total of eight students and two faculty advisors and was started this school year. The focus of the club is to support a local homeless shelter and soup kitchen. The center is the Friendship Service Center in New Britain, CT.

Madison Middle School, Trumbull

Faculty Contact – Jeanne Malgioglio

“For the Love of Paws”

For the Love of Paws helps all the poor animals without homes at local shelters. This year we collected 4 large boxes of our handmade blankets, treats, toys and cleaning supplies.

Madison Middle School, Trumbull

Faculty Contact – Jeanne Malgioglio

“Making Wishes Come True”

Every year Madison’s Service Club Kare works together to organize gifts for children at the Center for Family Justice. We make fleece tied blankets and add pjs and a stuffed animal for holiday gifts.

Madison Middle School, Trumbull

Faculty Contact - Jeanne Malgioglio

“The ROARS Zone”

Madison Middle School students earn ROAR tickets through an awards program. This year KARE Service Club made contributions which allowed kids to have fun at lunch during the spring. This allows kids to celebrate and encourage students to be **R**esponsible, take **O**wnership, have a wonderful **A**ttitude, be **R**espectful, and be **S**afe.

Naugatuck High School

Faculty Contact – Amy Ferrare

“Spread the Word to End the Word” – Best Buddies Campaign

Best Buddies is a program at Naugatuck High School that helps to create friendships, integrated employment, and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Naugatuck High School

Faculty Contact – Lorrie-Anne Monte

“Naugatuck Youth Leaders Great Kindness Challenge”

Naugatuck Youth Leaders is a community service collaboration program between Naugatuck High School and Naugatuck Youth Services. The initiative taken successfully increased kindness in the schools and community while empowering other schools to create their own projects with the same goal.

Notre Dame High School, West Haven

Faculty Contact – Kathleen Wielk

“Harvest Pack Project”

Notre Dame High School Interact Club Successfully completed its second Harvest Pack Project. This included the participation of more than 200 student, adult, Rotarian, and faculty volunteers packaging over 55,000 meals for recovering families in Haiti.

Sage Park Middle School, Windsor

Faculty Contact – Laura Wenner

“Builders Club’s Dollars 4 Ballers Basketball Event”

Second annual basketball shooting contest where all the proceeds went to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). Hoping that our contributions will eventually lead to a cure, which would positively impact millions.

Sage Park Middle School, Windsor

Faculty Contact – Kyle Fusco

“7th Grade Day of Compassion”

Members of the 7th Grade Sage Park Leaders wanted to be a positive voice for change in the 7th Grade and the Sage Park community. As student leaders, they were asked “how do we make the school better?” The student leaders came up with the rest. They planned, prepared, and presented a Day of Compassion assembly to the entire 7th grade.

Sage Park Middle School, Windsor

Faculty Contact – Jennifer Wilson

“Sage Park Leaders”

Sage Park Leaders currently serves 108 members who meet with advisors twice a month. Its mission is to improve the leadership qualities of its members, while fostering positive peer relationships to help create an emotionally safe school.

Sage Park Middle School, Windsor

Faculty Contact – Amy Small

“Seabury Nursing Home Trip”

Sage Park students give back to the community by visiting Seabury Nursing Home on a monthly basis. This community service trip provides approximately 20 students to give back to our community every month. Sage Park Middle School has been visiting Seabury Nursing Home for over 10 years.

Sage Park Middle School, Windsor

Faculty Contact – Ms. Jessica LeMere Boucher

“Eighth Grade Women’s Leadership Group, Fleece Blankets for Women and Children in Need”

Women’s leadership group assists local females in the area. This group of twelve eighth grade females, assembled six fleece blankets for the YWCA in Hartford, CT. The YWCA works to extinguish racist beliefs, strengthen women, and advocates for peace, justice, freedom and dignity.

SSACE Presenters

Isha Dalal, Senior at Trumbull High School

Tyler Deitelbaum, Senior at Naugatuck High School

Audrey Garcia, Sophomore at Bethel High School

SSACE Adviser

Dave Maloney, Director of Student Activities

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