



**Do The Right Thing of Rochester Award Program
SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER**

Welcome!

It's hard to believe it's September already! We hope everyone enjoyed their summer and are now getting settled into the routine of a new school year.

Since our last newsletter, we had a fun day at our Family Celebration Day at Seabreeze Amusement Park, where we celebrated with our 2023-2024 winners, along with their friends and families! It was a great day – the weather was perfect, the rides were fun, and the food was yummy! We were also able to recognize our two Do The Right Thing / The Summit Federal Credit Union Scholarship recipients on this day.

Our staff has been busy! A new school year means a new year to recognize even more role model students from our community that Do The Right Thing! Mark your calendars – our first Do The Right Thing Award Ceremony for this year will be on Thursday, November 7, 2023 at 10:30 am! The ceremony will be held at the Public Safety Building, and also streamed Live on our Facebook page! We hope you will be able to join us either in-person or on-line! It's looking like this ceremony may be our biggest one in recent history!

Please keep sending us nominations, and spread the word about our program. Share, like, and comment on our social media posts, tell your friends and family about our program, and most importantly, let us know about the great kids in our community so that we can recognize and reward them! You can find more information about our program, and how to nominate a student, on our [website](#) and throughout this newsletter. Nominating a student is quick and easy, and students that are selected as winners receive generous prize packages. Thank you so much for supporting Do The Right Thing of Rochester!

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About Our Program

The Do The Right Thing Award Program has been part of the Rochester Police Department since 1995. The goal of the program is to foster positive relationships between local area law enforcement and the youth within Monroe County. The Do The Right Thing Award Program recognizes children for their positive behavior, accomplishments, and good deeds by rewarding students who strive to make good choices, do well in school, give back to their communities, or demonstrate “turn-around” or improved behavior. Any student enrolled in grades Kindergarten - 12 in any school within Monroe County is eligible for nomination, and can be nominated for acts of courage and bravery, such as assisting first responders, as well as acts of volunteerism, leadership and role model behavior. Students may be nominated for incidents that have occurred within one year of the nomination, and within Monroe County.

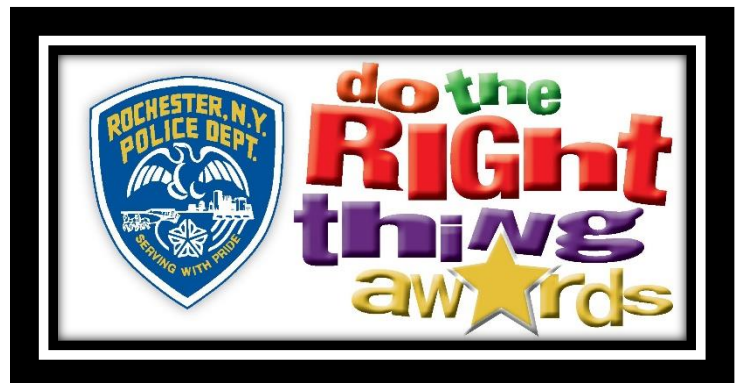
Anyone over 18 years old can nominate a student (this includes first responders, teachers, coaches, family, friends, etc.). Nominations are accepted throughout the year, and are reviewed by a committee that selects students to receive the Do The Right Thing Award. Selected students are celebrated at a ceremony at the City Public Safety Building. Ceremonies are held during the school year, and family and friends are welcome to attend. All ceremonies are also recorded and shared on Facebook, so you’ll never have to worry about missing a ceremony, and you can always go back and watch past recorded ceremonies as many times as you’d like!

Do The Right Thing Award winners are eligible to receive several rewards and prizes donated by program sponsors, and winners may also apply for a college or trade school scholarship when they are high school seniors. Since the program began, we have received over 4,000 nominations, awarded over 1,100 winners, and contributed over \$100,000 towards scholarships for our winners. Students selected as winners must attend an award ceremony in order to officially be considered a Do The Right Thing Winner. All students that are nominated will receive a letter of recognition for their act, even if they are not chosen as a winner.

Each ceremony and the winners are highlighted in the media, courtesy of program sponsor News 10NBC WHEC-TV. Stories are televised on WHEC and highlighted on-line as well. Visit their website at WHEC.com to view past highlights.

For more information about our program, or to nominate a student, please visit our webpage at Cityofrochester.gov/DoTheRightThing.

We are also on social media. Please take a moment to like and follow our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) pages. You can find all contact information for the Do The Right Thing Award Program in the green box on page 1.



Do The Right Thing Program Staff

Please contact a member of our staff with any questions or feedback you may have. We welcome your input, and are excited to work together to celebrate many more years of Do The Right Thing in Rochester!



Laurie Kingsley-Henry,
Program Coordinator (left)

Sergeant William Gallagher,
Program Director (middle)

Lisa Hayes,
Program Assistant (right)

Farewell & Welcome!

Welcome to new Program Director Sergeant William Gallagher! We look forward to working with you!

He replaces Sergeant Jose Vargas, who served in this role since February 2017.

Sergeant Vargas was a huge asset to the Do The Right Thing Program, and will be greatly missed!



Members of the Executive Board

The Rochester Police Department's Do The Right Thing Award Program is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors, and operated under the auspice of the Rochester Police Department.

The Board of Directors includes the following ex officio positions – the Mayor of the City of Rochester or their designee; the Chief of the Rochester Police Department or their designee; and the Program Coordinator. All directors are appointed by the Rochester Police Chief.

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Interested in becoming a member of the Do The Right Thing Executive Board?

- Visit our website at Cityofrochester.gov/DoTheRightThing to learn more about Do The Right of Rochester and read program By-Laws.
- Contact Program Coordinator Laurie Kingsley-Henry at (585) 428-7863 or DoTheRightThing@cityofrochester.gov for more information.

Sponsors

Sponsorship and donations help make this program possible. Donations received are used to directly impact the program and its winners. Gifts are distributed to award recipients through prize packages at each award ceremony, and financial contributions help fund the daily operation of the program, as well as provide college/trade school scholarships. At each ceremony, winners receive sponsor-branded merchandise, gift certificates, opportunities to attend various experiences in our area, and a variety of other rewards and opportunities that are provided by the below sponsors. Thank you for your generosity!

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Interested in Becoming a Program Sponsor?

We award up to 50 students each school year. Donations are helpful and appreciated. We are continuously welcoming new sponsors to our program. If you have services or prizes that you would like to donate to our Do The Right Thing Award winners, or if you would like to make a financial donation to the program, please contact us! The Do The Right Thing Award Program is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, and every donation directly impacts each winner that is selected. All sponsor information is proudly displayed on our website, in informational brochures that we distribute, and at ceremonies and other events that we attend.



Congratulations to All 2023 - 2024 Do The Right Thing Award Winners!

May 2024 Award Recipients

Andy Cardot	6th Grade	Greece Athena Middle School
Ethan Dunham	7th Grade	Barker Road Middle School (Pittsford CSD)
Josiah Gonzalez	3rd Grade	Roberto Clemente School #8 (RCSD)
Delaney Graves	12th Grade	Hilton High School
Zavionna Radcliffe	10th Grade	Rochester Early College International High School (RCSD)
Isaiah Rodriguez	12th Grade	All City High School (RCSD)
Asher Simpson	2nd Grade	Dewitt Road Elementary School (Webster CSD)
Jenna Tillinghast	7th Grade	Bishop Kearney School
Kaili'an Townsend Dr.	4th Grade	Walter Cooper Academy School #10 (RCSD)
Charles Vitkus	12th Grade	Irondequoit High School (West Irondequoit CSD)
Haleigh Wilkins	8th Grade	Merton Williams Middle school (Hilton CSD)
Dayquan Wynne	5th Grade	John James Audubon School #33 (RCSD)

February 2024 Award Recipients

Anmol Biswa	10th Grade	School of the Arts (RCSD)
Carter Blondell	3rd Grade	Rochester Classical Academy
Nikkyah Boone	7th Grade	Northwest Junior High School (RCSD)
Az'ryel Castro	6th Grade	Charles Carroll School #46 (RCSD)
Canari Johnson	3rd Grade	Roberto Clemente School #8 (RCSD)
Angelena Lipani	12th Grade	Penfield High School
Nyla Rivera	11th Grade	Rochester Early College International High School (RCSD)
Clayton Shirley	3rd Grade	Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts

November 2023 Award Recipients

Lily Clark	4th Grade	Lakeshore Elementary School (Greece CSD)
Nicholas Fusilli II	4th Grade	Plank Road South Elementary School (Webster CSD)
Austin Gillis	12th Grade	McQuaid Jesuit High School
Shuaib Hussein	6th Grade	Roberto Clemente School School #8 (RCSD)
Matthew Klinkbeil	8th Grade	John Williams School School #5 (RCSD)
Grayson Nguyen	3rd Grade	Durand Eastman Primary (East Irondequoit CSD)
Madeline Scahill	11th Grade	Bishop Kearney High School
Nyla Serret	Pre K	Rochester Early Childhood Center (RCSD)
Kwynn Walton, Jr.	2nd Grade	Nathaniel Hawthorne School School #25 (RCSD)
Aubrey Williams	7th Grade	Rochester Prep Chili Campus Charter Middle School

2024 Do The Right Thing/The Summit Federal Credit Union Scholarship Winners

Each year, all previous Do The Right Thing Award winners that are currently high school seniors may apply for a scholarship to be applied towards the payment of their college or trade school tuition and/or expenses. Since 1997 our program has award 114 recipients \$118,000 in college and/or trade school scholarships!

Beginning last year, The Summit Federal Credit Union partnered with the Do The Right Thing awards program and pledged matching funds to support our annual scholarship. To acknowledge this partnership, the scholarship is now named the **Do The Right Thing / The Summit Federal Credit Union Scholarship Program**.

This year, five students submitted applications, and two were selected as winners – Angelena Lipani and Jahyleen Quick. The selection committee consisted of employees from The Summit Federal Union, the Rochester Police Department, and directors from the Do The Right Thing Executive Board.

The winners were announced and recognized at a small ceremony that was held during our annual Seabreeze event. In attendance to present each winner were Do The Right Thing Executive Board President James McCauley and Dawn Kellogg, Public Relations and Community Engagement Specialist from The Summit Federal Credit Union. Both winners were each awarded a \$2000 college scholarship (\$1000 from DTRT and \$1000 from The Summit FCU).





Angelena Lipani graduated from Penfield High School, and will be attending Smith College where she will double major in Biology and Psychology. She was recognized as a Do The Right Thing award winner this past February, and was nominated by her school counselor for being an outstanding role model student, participating in a myriad of activities that highlight her versatility, strong leadership, commitment and integrity.

Jahyleen Quick graduated from Spencerport High School, and will be attending St. John Fisher University where he will study Accounting. Jahyleen and his younger brother were Do The Right Thing winners in November 2014, nominated by their assistant principal for the heroism they displayed when they helped their grandmother and younger sister escape a fire at their house. Jahyleen was a 3rd grader at RCSD School #43 at the time, and was also recognized for being a positive influence on others at school. Since then, Jahyleen has continued to be a role model student and strong leader both in and out of school.



2024 Family Fun Celebration Day at Seabreeze

Family Fun Celebration Day took place at Seabreeze Amusement Park on Wednesday, June 26th. All of our 2023-2024 winners and their families were invited, and over 150 people attended! The weather was perfect, and it was a fun day full of giant stuffed pickles, laughs, food, and great camaraderie! Visit our [Facebook](#) page for lots of pictures from the event!



Thank you Seabreeze for sponsoring this event for over 25 years!



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Nominate a K-12 Student for their **GOOD DEED!**
CityOfRochester.gov/DoTheRightThing

Do The Right Thing Community Engagement

On August 15th Do The Right Thing participated in the Annual Healthy Moms Family Resource Fair that took place in the parking lot at St. Mary's Medical Campus. This is the third year that we have participated in this event.

This was a free community event where families were able to connect with community resources, and each student received a free backpack filled with school supplies.

Last year we hosted a school supply drive beforehand to collect school supplies that were donated to the event. It was such a success that we did it again this year. About two months before the fair we set up collection boxes at the Public Safety Building, and we're happy to say we surpassed the number of items that were collected last year! See the picture below for this year's donations. Thank you to everyone that contributed. In total, we collected/donated:

- 63 Backpacks
- 37 Cinch Packs
- 27 Binder Pouches
- 3 Plastic Notebooks
- 39 Plastic Pocket Folders
- 40 Pocket Folders
- 70 One Subject Wire Notebooks
- 67 Composition Notebooks
- 1 Three Subject Notebook
- 4 Packages of Graph Paper
- 20 packages of Notebook Paper
- 13 Packs of Pens
- 13 Packs of Markers
- 46 Sets of Colored Pencils
- 30 Packages of Pencils
- 52 Pencil Sharpeners
- 10 Erasers
- 34 Boxes of Crayons
- 22 Glue Sticks
- 2 Bottles of Glue
- 1 Index Cards
- 10 Travel Water Bottles
- 12 Rulers
- 7 Do The Right Thing Gift Packages, which included a Do The Right Thing Water Bottle, 4 Pencils, Shirt & Dictionary





We accept nominations all year long. If you know a student that should be recognized for a remarkable act, please visit our [website](#) and submit a nomination.

- Nominations can be submitted at any time, throughout the entire year.
- Anyone over 18 years-of-age can nominate.
- Nomination forms can be completed and submitted electronically via our website.



2024-2025 CEREMONY DATES

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Thursday, February 27, 2025

Thursday, May 1, 2025

All ceremonies take place at 10:30 a.m.

at the

Public Safety Building

185 Exchange Boulevard

Rochester, New York 14614



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Each ceremony will also be broadcast Live on Facebook.

Make sure to 'Like' and 'Follow' our [Facebook](#) page at Do The Right Thing of Rochester so that you can watch the ceremony if you are unable to join us in-person.

