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Godby High School


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Leon High School

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Rosaisela Avalos
Godby High School


Julian Chavez
Florida State University Schools


Isabel Davis
Maclay School


Anekae Donaldson
Tallahassee Collegiate Academy


Hadriel Hamid
Chiles High School


Sadie Knowlton
Lincoln High School


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Community Christian School


William Proctor
Leon High School


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Rickards High School


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Lincoln High School

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Chiles High School

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Lincoln High School

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Maclay School

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Leon High School

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Lincoln High School

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Leah Song
Maclay School

Courtney Stokes
Leon High School

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Rex Fuselier
SAIL High School

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Chiles High School

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Leon High School

Sophia Wildrick
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For 20 years The Best & Brightest Awards program has recognized dynamic seniors in Leon County public and private high schools.

These school-based winners have proven their dedication and ability in a wide variety of disciplines. Through their leadership, these students have selflessly devoted their time to public service and improving their schools and community, all while maintaining scholastic excellence. Recognizing the achievements of these outstanding young men and women encourages future students to serve others as a basic ethic throughout their lives.

The Best & Brightest Awards invited Leon County eighth grade students to participate in the 8th Grade Essay Contest. This year students wrote an essay describing how involvement in volunteer service can make a difference in our community and how it relates to their service in school and community. Now, these students will begin their ninth grade year with a knowledge of civic leadership and goals of academic achievement and a commitment to service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING EIGHTH GRADE SCHOOL-BASED WINNERS:

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Analeigh Klein
Emery Simon

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Brady Lynn Henderson
Olivia Lammers

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Swati Bimeesh
Emily Chen
Chloe Hiver

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Anvita Devulapalli
Sanya Loubriel
Keerthana Manchikanti

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Darryl'Asia Morrell
La'Daisha Pollock

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Lila Bubriski
Medha Konda
Krish Patel

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Jude Carson
Channing Savoy
Bellamy Vass

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Da'Mari Broaders
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McKenzie Kilcullen
Kinsley Locke

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Scout Glasgow

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Harper Belle Schulze
Katelyn Whipple
Alexandria Whitaker

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