

Armenia

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said.

Grecia's focus doesn't stop in the classroom, she takes her skills to the court each week for Sundale.

"She has a love for volleyball, and tried out and made the Varsity team," Grieb said. "Grecia is a joy to watch on the court and inside the classroom. She doesn't let fear of failure get in her way."

In addition to being a Varsity volleyball player at Sundale, Grecia is focused on getting grades that will lead her to a top college.

"Her vulnerability is inspiring, and it's paying off," Grieb said. "Her English has grown immensely and I'm extremely grateful to be one of her eighth grade teachers to get a front row seat to watch her do great things!"

Grieb said Grecia emanates the qualities of a responsible individual.

She prioritizes her own learning and academic goals, while also helping those around her. She is incredibly excited to be the winner of the Character Counts! Responsibility Award.

"I feel very proud to be the winner because I give it my all to win and succeed. I feel that Sundale School has helped me in giving the best of myself," she said. "My parents tell me they will support my dream of becoming a doctor to help cancer patients. I know I can do it because I have all the support."

A student with the character traits



Grecia Arellano Armenia is a varsity volleyball player at Sundale school in Tulare. PROVIDED PHOTO

needed to win the Character Counts! Responsibility Award must work hard and do their best. They are self-disciplined and use self-control, while persevering.

Responsibility

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School: Accelerated Charter High School, Tulare

Statement:

Nominator Desiree Ledbetter says,



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"Juan has been excelling in his school studies. In addition to his stellar academic efforts, he tries his best to help support his mother, who takes care of him and his siblings. He is very bright, excels in all of his classes, and refuses to give up on finding a job even though entry into the workforce is difficult. He has high hopes for his future and is always friendly to his peers. He is a very responsible student and always doing what he is supposed to do to make sure he reaches his goals."

Student Name: Faith Ramos

Grade: 8

School: Virtual Learning Program, Visalia



Ramos

Statement:
Nominator Heather Mackey says, "Faith has made some great strides in her academic growth. She has had challenges she's had to overcome and yet she has worked hard to remain focused. Faith has been coached by her grand-

mother to persevere, looking to always find a way to improve and put in the work necessary to be the change that will one day pay off for her in very big ways. The days of just surviving are quickly becoming a thing of the past for her and she has a very bright and exciting future ahead of her. I can't wait to see not just what the world has to offer her, but what she has to offer the world!"

Student Name: Avery Starr

Grade: 12

School: Tulare Western High School, Tulare

Statement:

Nominator Katherine Nunes says, "Avery is a dedicated student who challenges herself with the most rigorous



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courses and has earned and continues to earn straight As. Along with academics, Avery excels in athletics and FFA. She is a top player and natural leader for the TW volleyball team, and is also a key member of the basketball and swim teams. Avery is very involved in agriculture education. She is in FFA where she raises and shows cows and is part of the state champion Ag Issues team. Avery has an incredible ability to balance all of her commitments and still shine in each one. She is well respected and liked by her peers and the staff. She gives her all and is a team player, working effectively with others and keeping a positive attitude. Avery is just an all-around incredible student and human!"