

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Xzavier Robles

School: Annie R. Mitchell Elementary
School, Visalia

Pillar: Citizenship

Nominator: Megan Madsen

Statement:

Xzavier has demonstrated the Pillar of Citizenship at school and in his community. He is a member of the Golden Eagle Academy and works with peers to improve the school and create events to engage his school family in a fun and interactive environment. In the classroom he is respectful to classmates and always willing to lend a helping hand. He is a member of local football and baseball teams in his community. He works with his peers on those teams to achieve their goals while being respectful and fair to the teams they face.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Ashley Franz

School: Blue Oak Academy, Visalia

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Jacob Martinez

Statement:

Ashley Franz is a kind and caring person. She puts her heart on her sleeve 24/7 and is someone who always puts others' needs in front of her own. She is incredibly kind, and patient with those who need help, and is welcoming to everyone she meets, going out of her way to make the classroom that much more welcoming. She is a constant example to all around her of how we can all be more caring. Though I am the teacher, I feel like she is constantly reminding me and challenging me to be more caring as an individual, and I am more than happy to have her as my example. I cannot wait to see the positive and generous impact that Ashley leaves on the world, because the world could stand to have a few more Ashley's out there.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Dane Rainey

School: Central Valley Christian
Elementary School, Visalia

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Shay Williams-Hopper

Statement:

Dane is a young man we met playing baseball through Cal Ripken Baseball. He knows how to work hard, but more importantly, he has the kindest soul you have ever met. He helped my son all week with his Market Goat project at the county fair. During baseball season he supported every kid on and off the field with compliments, and is just so very kind.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Mila Alfrey

School: Charter Home School Academy,
Visalia

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Marlene Moreno

Statement:

Mila Alfrey is a real mature first grader who is home schooled. She enjoys doing homework, puzzles and playing with her younger brother and sister. She is always helpful and kind to her siblings. Mila is friendly when meeting new people her age.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Richard Alonso

School: Compass Program, Visalia

Pillar: Respect

Nominator: Jennifer Steinhauer

Statement:

Richard has shown respect to both staff and peers. Staff has seen great improvement in the areas of behavior and academics

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Alonzo Ortega

School: Conyer Elementary School,
Visalia

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Lyndsay Gentert

Statement:

Alonzo works very hard in class and never gives up. He is a team captain for his table group and works hard to set a great example for them. He ensures they are on task and following directions without prompting from the teacher. He jumps up and helps his peers whenever they may need it and does it with care and grace. He has taken on the role of morning meeting leader and greets the class every morning with a big smile and makes them all feel welcome.

Morning meeting leader is a tough job but he does it every day effortlessly and sets the tone of fairness and positivity in our classroom. He is a great attribute to our class and his peers respect him and look up to him.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Joseph Fisher

School: Cottonwood Creek Elementary
School, Visalia

Pillar: Citizenship

Nominator: Cheyanne Sholl

Statement:

Joseph has the best citizenship that I have seen in a 6th grader during my entire teaching career. He goes above and beyond to volunteer for activities for the school and communities. He truly has the heart of a volunteer!!! He was Student Council President last year and hopes to be again this year. That position has truly shown his volunteering spirit as he helps anyone in need.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Oliver Garcia-McDowell
School: Crestwood Elementary School,
Visalia

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Traci Hunzeker

Statement:

Oliver's responsibility can be seen throughout his day. Oliver takes responsibility for his learning. He makes wonderful contributions to class discussions. He takes his assignments seriously and will ask questions regarding anything he needs clarification for. Oliver also takes responsibility for his actions. If he thinks he has done something wrong, he sincerely apologizes and goes about to make it right. Additionally, Oliver takes responsibility for his peers. He is helpful and there for them to be successful, too.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Javier Aleman

School: Crowley Elementary School,
Visalia

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Yesina Sanchez

Statement:

From the first day of school, this student has shown all the qualities of being Caring. He helped new students in our classroom by showing them around and also just making them feel comfortable. He came in and helped others either by reminding them of what to do or even helping with technology. Although I have only known this student for a few weeks, he is just a naturally caring person. He strives to be a good friend and student at school. I hope he continues to be his best caring self in the future!

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Tiki Valenzuela

School: Denton Elementary School,
Visalia

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Stephanie Gendron

Statement:

Tiki goes out of his way to help others. He takes initiative to show kindness towards others, and adults and students appreciate having him on our campus. Tiki is a 6th grader who notices when a fellow dragon is struggling, and he always offers support. He loves to be helpful and recently he was seen assisting a teacher with their student desks, opening doors for others on campus, and caring for a friend who needed an encouraging word. At Denton, we serve students who have moderate to severe Special Education needs, and Tiki loves to be a friend to others even when they cannot communicate with him. He most often does not choose to eat with his general education peers, but instead he loves to eat with friends who benefit from his support. Tiki maintains a posture of respect and kindness wherever he is. He is a model to us all, and he is a worthy recipient of this recognition!

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Isabella Flores

School: El Diamante High School,
Visalia

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Zachary Brown

Statement:

Isabella has made a profoundly positive impact on the students, staff and myself here at school. She is currently enrolled in our Agriculture Mechanics Pathway at EDHS where I serve as her ag teacher. She is truly a responsible, determined, courageous and kind young lady. She has a positive, "can do" attitude and is always thoughtful of her peers and adults. She is a punctual, hard working student. She does not let others' decisions sway her from her ability to pursue success.

She has been a leader at the school farm by encouraging other students and demonstrating great leadership and responsibility by doing a great job of feeding, exercising and training her lambs. She has helped other students care for their lambs when the opportunity arises. She spends about 12-14 hours per week at the farm in these duties. Another item to mention is that she helps at her mother's day care by tutoring, feeding and playing with the children.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Luke Hopper

School: Elbow Creek Elementary School,
Visalia

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Shay Williams-Hopper

Statement:

Luke has taken on the responsibility of caring for our pets at home on a daily basis. He is responsible for feeding our dog, cats, rabbit, and goats. He rarely has to be asked to go out and take care of his chores, he knows when they need to be fed and stays on top of it. He also is really cautious, making sure that their food and water bowls are clean each day. Luke is also very quick to come home from school and get started on his homework to get it completed without a fight. He has learned that if he gets his work done right after school, he has more time for activities he likes to do like wrestling.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Gabriella

School: Four Creeks Elementary School,
Visalia

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Elvira Navarro

Statement:

Gabriella has been a delight to meet this year as a new student in our school. She quickly introduced herself and made sure I knew I could count on her to help me out in the library when needed. She enjoys "reporting" to duty when she can and is eager to learn our library services. She shines when she is helping students search and check out books in the library.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Oliviana Leon

School: Global Learning Charter School,
Visalia

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Melisa De Leon Duarte

Statement:

Words will never be enough to express the level of kindness and empathy that Oliviana Leon possesses. Her words and actions have forever shaped the culture of our entire class. Every day she helps to keep things clean and organized and supports me with our cleanup. But her level of care extends beyond this. When she sees someone struggling with a task, especially class jobs, she does not take over. Instead, she coaches them, gives them tips, supports them, and then stands by their side to encourage them. When a classmate has had a rough morning and is filled with tears, Oliviana is the first one to greet them at the door. She will then walk them to our gray comfy chair, bring them a stuffed animal, embrace them, and remind them that they are loved. Additionally, Oliviana is the master of encouraging and inspiring others to care for one another. Thanks to her, we have a new class routine. Whenever two or more kiddos work together to accomplish a task, they place their hands together and cheer, "Go Team!" Her actions and work will forever leave a lasting impact on this year's Kinders.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Alexa Hernandez

School: Golden Oak Elementary School,
Visalia

Pillar: Respect

Nominator: Renee Phelps

Statement:

Respect is clearly visible in all that Alexa participates in throughout the school day. It is seen in her behavior, attitude, and in her actions towards peers and staff. She listens patiently and respectfully to those with whom she works, even when not everyone agrees. She tries to see others' points of view, not forcing hers upon others. She works hard to complete all of her work which shows respect for herself. Alexa is an awesome role model for respect.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Caden Lawrance

School: Golden West High School, Visalia

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Shay Williams-Hopper

Statement:

Caiden broke his foot at the first football game of the year, but he has not let that deter him from attending every practice and game to cheer on his team! He also is putting in the work needed to get back on the field.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Andrew Graim-Gomez
School: Goshen Elementary School, Visalia

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Sarah Van Dermyden

Statement:

Andrew always has a huge smile on his face and is sure to greet teachers with their name. He is always willing to help his teacher clean-up after an activity without needing to be asked. He helps his friends stay on task, and he shares his learning with the class. The thing that impresses me most about Andrew is that he is really good at finding the kids who are shy or alone and inviting them to come and play with him. He makes sure everyone is included, welcomed, and wanted. Andrew truly is a caring student.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Arnulfo Rodriguez
School: Highland Elementary School,
Visalia

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Amanda Bennett

Statement:

Arnulfo demonstrates responsibility each and every day. He is dependable and I can always count on him to do the right thing, even when no one is looking. He completes all his classwork and homework. He is responsible when it comes to his classroom job and takes it very seriously. Arnulfo always does what is expected of him and on the rare occasion that he forgets to do something, he takes consequences for his actions. I am very proud of this responsible Husky!

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Nayeli
Ramos-Castaneda
School: Houston Elementary School,
Visalia

Pillar: Trustworthiness

Nominator: Henry Allen Ralston

Statement:

Nayeli Ramos-Castaneda is the one to trust with just about everything. I have seen Nayeli make promises to her friends, and as busy as she is with the sixth grade curriculum and her homework, she has made good on those promises. With all of the work she has had to complete, Nayeli still found time to make her friends the Rainbow Loomed Critters that they asked for.

Nayeli is one of those students that if an emergency were to come up, I could hand her my classroom keys and she would retrieve whatever I needed her to get and bring it right back to me. I would never have to worry about her taking something that was not hers or changing her scores in my grade book, or even change test answers on someone she did not care for all that much. That is why I often ask Nayeli to assist me whether it is passing out papers or slices of pizza. Trust me! You can trust Nayeli!

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Brooklyn McDonald
School: La Joya Middle School, Visalia

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Bailey Austerman

Statement:

Brooklyn is a role model student! He is a hard worker, kind to others, and shows great responsibility. He is the type of young man that sets a high standard for himself and all of those around him.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Samantha Messier

School: La Sierra Independent Study,
Visalia

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Rhonda Hash

Statement:

I am nominating Samatha Messier a 9th grader at La Sierra Independent Study. Samantha has demonstrated compassion and empathy for others at a global level. Samantha is aware of what is going on globally. She is able to look at both sides and remain kind and considerate if others do not share her view. She understands the value of being an active listener. She listens with an open mind to get a better understanding of what an individual is going through. If a group is sharing how they feel, she will research what the group's purpose is, to get a better understanding of what the group represents. Samantha is able to reach out to others and learn from them. She is able to express gratitude for what others have shared with her, by acknowledging the support and kindness that others have shared with her to make her a better person.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Rafael Castillo

School: Linwood Elementary School,
Visalia

Pillar: Citizenship

Nominator: Suzanne Mosley

Statement:

Rafael always demonstrates outstanding citizenship at school. He works hard by always trying his best in the classroom and is a friend to all out on the playground. He enjoys participating in all of our lessons and shares great ideas with the class. He is such a wonderful role model to others! Outside of school, Rafael is involved in martial arts. It is a pleasure to have him in class.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Tyler Valentine

School: Manuel F. Hernandez Elementary
School, Visalia

Pillar: Citizenship

Nominator: Teasha Vasquez

Statement:

Tyler is so helpful and very conscientious about the environment. I admire his willingness to get dirty and stick to his commitments

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Frankie Salas

School: Mineral King Elementary School,
Visalia

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Gloria Mattos

Statement:

Frankie Salas goes out of his way to help others and always has a kind word for all his peers. This student has consistently walked with another student who has a physical disability from the classroom to the learning center. Frankie makes sure his friend does not walk alone and does not have any problems navigating the campus. He also can be seen checking in on his younger siblings in the morning making sure they know where they are going. It has been a pleasure watching this student grow in his academics and social abilities to make others feel included over the past three years.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Dante Mendivil

School: Mountain View Elementary
School, Visalia

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Vanessa Gonzalez

Statement:

Dante has been working very hard to become an ideal student, though learning a new language in the dual program has proven to be a challenge, Dante proves to be a model student for all his peers. He is always ready to learn. He is responsible for his learning by participating at carpet time, doing his task at centers, and working hard to decode in a new language during our reading group. I am proud of the student Dante is becoming and look forward to seeing him continue to grow.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Alex Elick

School: Mt. Whitney High School, Visalia

Pillar: Citizenship

Nominator: Gene Mendes

Statement:

Alex is a leading member of the Sportsmanship Action Team (SAT) and continues to model the Pillar of Citizenship. The SAT youth council work together to promote positive change on and off the field of play by utilizing the Six Pillars of Character. The SAT planned a youth conference for high school athletes to promote sportsmanship this past September. Alex was a great co-facilitator in his workshop session where he put in hours of work to make sure students walked away with the correct and accurate information. He continues to demonstrate what a great role model he is to his peers and young people in our county. Alex cares about his community and is a pleasure to work with.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Sebastian Munoz Garcia

School: Oak Grove Elementary School,
Visalia

Pillar: Respect

Nominator: Sage Mosleh

Statement:

Sebastian comes to school everyday with a positive attitude towards learning and is kind and respectful to his classmates and teachers. He is always very polite when speaking and is very considerate of how he treats others. Sebastian is very respectful and knows how to talk to and treat his fellow classmates. Even when another student became aggressive towards Sebastian, he stayed composed and deescalated the situation by staying respectful towards the other student.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Ethan Rojas

School: Pinkham Elementary School, Visalia

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Tammy Crosland

Statement:

Ethan comes to school ready to learn. He shows responsibility in so many ways. He is organized at school and is always prepared to learn. He listens, follows directions during class, and consistently puts out his best effort, never giving up. He is making academic progress and knows what it takes to be a learner. He is also kind to others and cares about people. He is a great example for others.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Sawyer Sowers

School: Redwood High School, Visalia

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Travis Roebuck

Statement:

I have had the pleasure of getting to know one of our new 9th grade students, Sawyer Sowers. Sawyer is a responsible leader who has gained respect from his peers in both classes I have him in. Sawyer excels in physical education and health class. Sawyer is the first one to motivate his classmates through hard work, and positive comments. His integrity is a model for consistency and encourages performance throughout Physical Education. He is currently an honor roll student, whose success in the classroom is reflected by his accomplishments in his extracurricular activities. He has taken on a mentorship role in my health class with students who are struggling with our curriculum. His leadership and integrity are why he is highly respected by his classmates and teachers. He is an inspiration to his peers. Thank you for considering Sawyer for the CHARACTER COUNTS! recognition.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Alexis Diaz De Leon

School: Ridgeview Middle School,
Visalia

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Senait Berhe

Statement:

Alexis is one of the kindest students and not just to adults, but also to her peers. She makes all students feel included in the class and looks out for those that have difficulty for numerous reasons (being absent, language barrier, or lack of interest). She is also the student who will stay back to help a classmate or a teacher reset their room for the next class. I cannot say enough great things about Alexis and the great model she is for kindness and integrity!

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Sophia Aranzazu

School: Royal Oaks Elementary
School, Visalia

Pillar: Respect

Nominator: Shelbi Alferd

Statement:

Sophia has shown nothing but the utmost respect so far during this school year. She is incredibly respectful to her classmates and teacher. If we are in class and she agrees or disagrees with a student, she will respectfully acknowledge that student and explain her stance. At only eight years old Sophia has been through a lot in her life, more than any student her age should have to go through. However, she comes to class with the brightest smile and most respectful attitude. She is first to raise her hand to ask a question or first to volunteer to help a classmate or teacher.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Carolina
Rodriguez-Sanchez

School: Sequoia High School, Visalia

Pillar: Respect

Nominator: Teasha Vasquez

Statement:

Carolina works hard in the classroom, she listens when she is given direction, she is always helpful, honest and someone to be trusted.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Annabel Sanchez

School: Shannon Ranch Elementary
School, Visalia

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Taylor Hendershot

Statement:

In the time that I have been able to teach Annabel, I have seen a child that I know will go on to do great things. Not because she is motivated and works hard, which are some great qualities that she possesses, but because she has a kind heart that she uses daily to serve and support her classmates and her teachers. The work she produces goes above and beyond what is asked of her. I believe that Annabel exemplifies what any teacher would look for in a student. She works with others for cooperative learning, coaching them to bring out their best qualities so that they can excel in their education. Annabel is not just self-motivated, she is motivated by the want, the need, and the desire to make this world a better place. She wants to connect with others in all walks of her life. When initially getting to teach Annabel, I noticed that she was quite shy, keeping to herself. This wasn't a negative quality, this was just the way Annabel was. After getting to talk with her throughout our days learning together or from spending some extra time chatting after school, I realized that this student was one of the kindest and most joyful people I have ever met. She has had a tremendous impact on our classroom. She is consistently viewed as one of the top leaders in my class by her peers, going to her and asking for guidance because they know when she speaks, they will learn if only they listen. She adds to the conversation and facilitates discussion as she continues to support everyone in their learning not because she has to, but because she wants to make this classroom a better place for learning. She makes my classroom a place for others to grow into the best versions of themselves. She challenges me to be the best teacher that I can possibly be with her questions, with her work, with her thoughts, her ideas, and with any student, in my opinion, there is no greater gift. This once shy girl has been transformed into someone who I am honored to say "She is my student. And I am truly blessed because I get the opportunity to teach her every day." She is sometimes the only bit of sunshine in my classroom and students like her are the reason that I got into the teaching profession. She is destined for greatness in all that she does and whatever the future holds for her. With Annabel Sanchez, I can guarantee that this world will become a better place because of her influence in it.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Zach Hofer

School: St. Paul's School, Visalia

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominators: Lea Maryanow and
Jessica Power

Statement:

Zach Hofer is the most polite student a teacher could hope for. Not only is he extremely polite to teachers, he is also kind and patient with his classmates. On several occasions, I had the honor of witnessing how respectful and caring he treats his younger sister who goes to the same school. It is rare to see siblings hug each other in public. It is apparent that Zach cares a lot about the people around him.

Zach Hofer is an incredible example of what it means to live a life of character. He is kind and caring towards his peers and teachers. He goes out of his way to make others feel included. He works hard in the classroom to learn and grow academically. He is thoughtful when speaking; always using manners and a tone of gratitude.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Benson Saechao
School: Sycamore Valley Academy,
Visalia

Pillar: Citizenship

Nominator: Kelly De Lemos

Statement:

In our classroom, we champion the principle of "kuleana"--a Hawaiian word that means responsibility. Each member of our classroom has the "kuleana" to work hard to meet academic requirements and grow as a scholar. Equally important, however, is our commitment to grow as a member of our classroom, school, and community. We do this by finding ways to serve others wherever there is a need. Mr. Benson is, on his own, an outstanding scholar, who excels in his academic pursuits. What I admire most about him though, is his genuine willingness to help others. When a classmate is struggling, he is patient and thoughtful in offering assistance.

When someone is absent, he is ready to assume any extra tasks to care for our classroom. He is a valued member of our classroom 'ohana (family) and is well on his way to becoming a responsible, conscientious, and trustworthy citizen in our larger community.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Aden Romero

School: University Preparatory High School, Visalia

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Jennifer Becerra

Statement:

Aden exemplifies the characteristic of responsibility as he is always prepared for class. He will preview material in order to prepare for the next session and comes to class with questions related to upcoming topics to better prepare. He regularly checks class assignments and agendas to ensure he completes all tasks, prior to their due date. He consistently exemplifies the expectations of a scholar student and serves as a role model to his peers. He is an active participant and adds great insight to class discussions.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Grace Gocke

School: Valley Life Charter School,
Visalia

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Jessica Uribe

Statement:

It is so difficult to choose one pillar to describe Grace as she is an example of every single one of these pillars. When I think of Grace, I think of a caring individual whose mission in life is for everyone to feel cared about and a part of something greater. Grace believes that it is important to be kind to everyone and to show concern for others' well-being. Grace is constantly saying, "Treat others as you would like to be treated." She is a person who will go above and beyond to help a peer when they are having a tough day even if that means she does not get to participate in an activity she loves. A person's feelings are always most important to Grace. Grace builds relationships with those around her to ensure that they feel a sense of belonging. An example of this is that she is sensitive to other's feelings and will go out of her way to support a person in need. I have witnessed Grace go out of her way to help solve a social conflict in the classroom or on the playground because she wants everyone to get along and have fun. Grace consistently prioritizes helping others who need support. She is a selfless young person who exudes kindness with every breath she takes. I had the honor of working with Grace on our Owl Student Body, and I have not met another student who is as caring and responsible as she is. She is the epitome of a leader in many ways. I am so proud of her and her amazing compassion for other individuals! Any person who meets her is truly blessed.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Max Lopez

School: Valley Oak Middle School,
Visalia

Pillar: Respect

Nominator: Brittany Gonzalez-Menchaca

Statement:

Max is a wonderful student. He is very respectful in the way that he talks and treats both staff and students. He actively participates, and is also involved in WEB which helps students get accustomed to the school and help with events at the school. He is always willing to be a help, and makes himself available!

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Paul Pedraza

School: Veva Blunt Elementary School,
Visalia

Pillar: Caring

Nominator: Marta Pree

Statement:

Paul is a kind young man and a hard worker. We have had two new students to our school, and he has gone out of his way to make them feel accepted in our classroom. He completes his assignments quickly and accurately and helps others when he sees a need. I have greatly appreciated his caring and helpful disposition.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Addisyn Cox

School: Visalia Technical Early College
High School, Visalia

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Travis Wyrick

Statement:

Addisyn Cox, Addi for short, is a senior at Visalia Technical Early College a charter School of Visalia Unified School District. The term responsible does not begin to describe Addi's Character. As a freshman, Addi wanted to work on the school farm and be involved with the daily tasks involving the livestock, facilities and fields. She didn't know that her efforts as a freshman would lead to her being a highly trusted and relied upon individual at VTEC. As COVID was shutting down schools in the county, she became one of the few students counted on to help feed, care and manage the school livestock. She became trusted with livestock schedules, crop watering, and assisted advisors with the daily demands of a school farm and campus facilities while no one else was available. Over time she has become a leader on campus, taking charge as the School Farm Student Manager, raising livestock for the Tulare County Fair and keeping up the maintenance on the farm's equipment. She helps to oversee the maintenance demands of the tractors and other equipment on campus with the supervision of her advisors. From the Principle down to the freshman class, Addi is well known and recognized on campus for all of her efforts and VTEC owes her a debt of gratitude for being an student of character that exemplifies responsibility.

**Tulare County Office of
Education
CHARACTER COUNTS! Week 2022
Visalia Times Delta 2-Page Ad**



Student Name: Eduardo Hernandez
School: Washington Elementary School,
Visalia

Pillar: Responsibility

Nominator: Jacqueline Vang

Statement:

Eduardo is a student that is always doing what he is supposed to be doing. He is always on task, and always doing his best work. I can also count on Eduardo to be doing the right thing. He comes into class ready to learn. He is always willing to help others and is a team player.

Eduardo is always responsible and does the right thing when no one is looking. When he is struggling with a concept, he is always asking for clarification and ensuring he has all the directions for an assignment.