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Arapahoe County honors 32 young adults during annual Mayors and Commissioners Youth awards ceremony

Teens honored for serving as positive role models in the community

Littleton, Colo. - Arapahoe County Commissioners and local elected officials recently honored 32 teenagers who have overcome personal adversity during Arapahoe County's Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award recognition ceremony.

The program recognizes youth, ages 13-19, who have overcome difficult situations in their lives by exhibiting strength and determination in the face of adversity. The program provides businesses, community and civic leaders the opportunity to nominate youth in the community who might not otherwise be recognized. Nomination forms are distributed to Arapahoe County Junior High and High Schools each year.

Commissioners Nancy Jackson, Susan Beckman, Nancy N. Sharpe, Rod Bockenfeld and Frank Weddig were joined by Town of Columbine Valley Mayor Gale Christy, City of Littleton Mayor Doug Clark and City of Englewood Mayor Jim Woodward to recognize and honor this inspirational group of young adults for their positive influence on themselves and those around them.

"It is inspiring to see how these kids have risen to the challenges life has presented them," said Commissioner Nancy Jackson. "It is an honor for us to recognize these remarkable young men and women."

The following students were recognized during the April 28 ceremony:

- Maxwell Roy Adams-Berger, Humanex Academy
- Ariel Amirinoor, Colorado's Finest Alternative High School
- Jessica Arcand, Colorado's Finest Alternative High School
- Nicolette Bachman, Rangeview High School
- Alex Bender, Options High School
- Nicole Bronson, Rangeview High School
- Evan Buck, Englewood Middle School
- Terrence Burnett, Grandview High School
- John Ekberg, Cherokee Trail High School

- Rebecca Erickson, Englewood High School
- Devyn Fish, Englewood Middle School
- Chase Green, Rangeview High School
- Kelsey Haberman, Humanex Academy
- Vanessa Harmoush, Cherokee Trail High School
- Kyree Herron, Murphy Creek School
- Valerie Jenkins, Humanex Academy
- Forrest Kennel, Humanex Academy
- Kyleigh King, Cherokee Trail High School
- Guma Kuku, Goddard Middle School
- Jasmine Langford, Rangeview High School
- Julia Langford, Rangeview High School
- Alicia Laws, Rangeview High School
- Andrew Min, Rangeview High School
- C.J. Rel, Englewood Middle School
- Tyler Ross, Colorado's Finest Alternative High School
- Daniel Schroeder, Englewood Middle School
- Harvest Smith, Colorado's Finest Alternative High School
- Alicia Tafoya, Colorado's Finest Alternative High School
- Trevor Teply, Arapahoe High School
- Carl Walker, Colorado's Finest Alternative High School
- Brandon Watts, Rangeview High School
- Alex Webster, Humanex Academy

This year, the Colorado Community College System Financial Aid Council gave each County a \$500 scholarship for the fall semester to be awarded to a nominee. The Commissioners held a random drawing and selected Alex Bender from Options High School in Littleton.

To learn about the Arapahoe County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards program, contact Carol Dosmann in the Commissioners' Office at 303-795-4630.

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Cutline: Arapahoe County and local communities recognize 32 youth for overcoming personal adversity during the 2011 Arapahoe County's Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award recognition ceremony.