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Students to be Honored for Fostering Positive Human Relations

Fifty-seven Oak Park junior high school students will be honored by the Village Board for their sensitivity and actions in fostering positive racial and ethnic relations. Awards will be presented at 7:30 p.m., May 6, in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 123 Madison St.

Teachers and staff of Oak Park schools nominated students for the award, selecting those who demonstrate concerns for others and respect for individual differences.

This is the 20th consecutive year of the award program, which is coordinated by the Oak Park Community Relations Commission, a 15-member citizen advisory group that works to foster successful racial integration and respect for human differences.

The 57 students performed many good deeds to merit the awards. These include donating time by peer tutoring, volunteering to assist differently-abled peers, facilitating classroom discussions about equality and fairness, befriending new students, showing compassion to peers, making friends with persons of different ethnic backgrounds, and donating time to West Suburban Special Recreation Association, service clubs, local AIDS center and other organizations.

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(Editor: A list of the award winners is attached.)

## Award Winners

### Ascension

Erin Bracco  
Sarah Wallace

### Emerson

Charlie Barrows  
Nia Brown  
Sarah Buhai-Jacobus  
Liz Callahan  
Taryn Cass  
Ashley Cunning

Aaron Flemming  
Georgia Hunter  
Brianna Kelly  
Blythe Keuning  
Amy Lutz  
Paul Martin  
Afia Ohemeng

Toma Pigli  
Owen Reneau  
Patricia Richert  
Claire Saxe  
Eric Schwebach  
Olimpia Szala

### Percy Julian

Liam Bird  
Erica Gibbons  
Brittany Grace  
Elisabeth Hausken  
David Hibbler  
Torrance Johnson  
Chanelia Kidd

Jake Linne  
Julie Macino  
Alex Malhiot  
Kim Martin  
Matthew McDonnell  
Matt Miniscalco  
Maya Minter

Liza Nunez  
Ashley Perisee  
Claire Sapko  
Rebecca Spooner  
Nina Terebessy  
Erin Williams  
Kiara Williams

### St. Edmund

Paul Baker  
Sunny Mullins  
Matthew Streit

Nesreen Tawfic  
Lu Wemhoff

### St. Giles

Carlie Beach  
Philipp Crisologo  
Claire Crossett  
Alicia Delia  
Brittany DeZutter

Steven Henneberry  
Bridget O'Neill  
Farren Rixter  
Sarah Rodts

### Home Schooled

Grant Shepard