

Clinton Public schools recognize Rising Arrows



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Recent Rising Arrow student award winners are (l to r), front row: Zackary Robinson, Lovett Elementary; Cruz Rodgers, Northside Elementary; and Cheyenne Holiday, Clinton Park Elementary; and back row: Riley Laird, Clinton High School; Zoie Chambers, Sumner Hill Junior High; Ashley Duke, Clinton Junior High; and Tycerie Martin, Eastside Elementary.

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There are hundreds of children in Clinton's public schools who come to school with a positive attitude, encourage others and work hard.

The Rising Arrow student award honors students who are quietly working to make the world a better place.

"We began this award to recognize students who demonstrate integrity and good character," said Dr. Tim Martin, superintendent of schools. "They help others in need, both at school and in their community. They are kind to others. They do the right thing without being asked, only because it's the right thing to do. The Rising Arrow award is a way to say thank you for being good people, and not just good students."

The Rising Arrow award is given to one student per school per nine weeks period. Teachers and staff nominate students who show integrity, good character and who are helping and encouraging others around them.

First nine-weeks winners include:

Clinton Park Elementary School
Cheyenne Holiday

"Cheyenne is an outstanding student. She is always kind to others. She goes out of her way to cheer someone up if they are sad or not feeling well. She is willing to help any peer who needs a hand. Cheyenne is always smiling and looks for people to give compliments throughout the day."

Northside Elementary School
Cruz Rodgers

"Cruz is one of those miracle cases that proves, along with intense hard work, the effectiveness of dyslexia therapy. He has grown five grade levels in reading in little more than a year, and his fluency has improved almost 100 words per minute. Even though he has challenges that affect his reading, Cruz never gives less than 100%."

Eastside Elementary School
Tycerie Martin

"Tycerie is a wonderful student who works hard to achieve excellence. She

goes above and beyond in the classroom. We love how she sees needs and is intentional to address them."

Lovett Elementary School
Zackary Robinson

"Zack is an amazing young man who strives each day to do his best in all of his classes. Not only is Zack responsible, but he seeks out every opportunity he can to learn new information. That transfers to the classroom, where he exhibits leadership qualities and is the first to always lend a helping hand. He has overcome adversity this school year with the death of his mom, and he has still remained strong. He still greets us each day with a smile."

Clinton Junior High School
Ashley Duke

"Ashley Duke is an amazing leader at CJHS. She exemplifies our PBIS motto - Achieving, Ready, Respectful, Organized, Willing to learn, and Successful student. Ashley is an honor roll student involved in many activities including National Honor Society, band and Ambassadors. Ashley is an example to all students at CJHS."

Sumner Hill Junior High School
Zoie Chambers

"Zoie appears to be a natural leader. We have seen her model this trait in Fellowship of Christian Athletes as a huddle leader. Zoie is constantly looking for ways to inspire and encourage her peers. I can see that she wants something great for herself and her classmates by the involvement and support she shows and the action she takes. We believe Zoie wants what is best for herself, but wants to get there by doing what is best for others."

Clinton High School
Riley Laird

"Riley has been a student leader in our sports livestreaming efforts. The initiative and responsibility she has shown are second to none. She's merged her deep understanding of athletics of her knowledge of broadcasting technology, positioning herself for significant professional opportunities in her future."

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CJHS eighth graders awarded for responsibility



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Clinton Junior High School eighth grade students were recently recognized for exhibiting the character trait of responsibility. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Taleya Horton, James Mabry, Braydon Walsh, Thomas Martin, Leslie Brunson, Chrisitan Wilker, Abtsum Abdulla, Alexa Duncan, Ashley Duke, Mina Jiang, Akeylah Harris, Christian Downsing and Zaccheaus Laury; and back row: Macie Burgess, Reagan Miller, Claire Roberts, Zoie Zumbro, Sarah Polk, Kennedy Neal and Sofia Pamudji.