

2020 Excellence in Youth Leadership Award
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All youth have genius and all youth can be leaders! Leadership can look like:

- Taking responsibility for doing well in school.
- Looking for ways to help other students, without being asked.
- Regularly setting and tracking goals to improve learning.
- Looking for ways to include other students/friends, who might be feeling left out.
- Believing that every person has different strengths to offer.
- Giving service to improve their school, church and community.
- Caring about being healthy.
- When dealing with conflict, seeking solutions that everyone can feel good about.
- Working really well together in groups.

Holy Cross Catholic School is pleased to present the Excellence in Youth Leadership Award, recognizing student leaders in Defiance County. With the support of the Defiance Area Foundation, OSU Extension Office, local schools and The Leader in Me program, all adults who work with youth are encouraged to nominate one or more youth who exemplify leadership excellence. Students must currently be in Kindergarten – 12th grade and attend a school or receive home-schooling in Defiance County. All students will be publicly recognized for their nomination at a reception on Sunday May 17th.

Excellence in Youth Leadership Reception
Sunday, May 17th, 2PM
Knights of Columbus Hall, Defiance

All nominees will be recognized for their nomination at the 2020 Excellence in Youth Leadership Reception to be held Sunday May 17th at 2:00PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Defiance Ohio. Nominations will be judged by an independent group of volunteer judges. One student from each grade category (K-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12) will receive the 2020 Excellence in Youth Leadership Award. Winners will be announced at the reception. The winner of each category will receive a \$250 stipend to award to a Defiance County nonprofit organization of their choice. Winners will also be recognized with a plaque and will be featured in a future news article in The Crescent-News. All nominees will receive a nominee ribbon and free admission to the Youth Leadership Reception.

Reception attendees will receive an inspiring message from a special keynote speaker (to be announced) that will encourage the leader in everyone! All students 12th grade and under are admitted free with an adult (even if not nominated). Adult admission is \$10 with advanced reservation or \$15 at the door. To obtain an RSVP form, visit www.defianceholycross.org. RSVPs are requested by May 10th.

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After reflecting on the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People (below) please describe on a separate page how the nominee exemplifies excellence in leadership.

Please limit your response to 500 words maximum. Attach the information page (page 3) to your nomination and submit by email, in person or mail.

Nominations must be received by 4:00 April 1, 2020.

1. **Be Proactive** – Proactive leaders take responsibility for their actions and understand they are in charge of their success. They don't blame genetics, circumstances, conditions, or conditioning for their behavior. They understand that they choose their behavior.
2. **Begin with the End in Mind** – Begin with the End in Mind means to begin each day, task, or project with a clear vision of your desired direction and destination.
3. **Put First Things First** – Prioritizing what is important makes all the difference in experiencing success. Leaders who practice this habit, work then "play".
4. **Think Win-Win** – Leaders who focus on the goals of those they are working with can experience a "win-win". Win-win sees life as a cooperative arena, not a competitive one. Win-win is a frame of mind and heart that constantly seeks mutual benefit in all human interactions. Win-win means agreements or solutions are mutually beneficial and satisfying.
5. **Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood** – Leaders who practice this habit listen, and try to understand other perspectives without making assumptions.
6. **Synergize** – Synergize is the habit of creative cooperation. It is teamwork, open-mindedness, and the adventure of finding new solutions to old problems.
7. **Sharpen the Saw** – Sharpen the Saw means preserving and enhancing the greatest asset you have—you. It means having a balanced program for self-renewal in the four areas of your life: physical, social/emotional, mental, and spiritual.
8. **OTHER:** Please list any additional qualities, comments of information about this young leader:

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Attn: Excellence in Youth Leadership
1745 S. Clinton Street Defiance, OH 43512
Email to: eylnomination@defianceholycross.org

2020 Excellence in Youth Leadership Nomination Form

All information must be completed for nomination to be valid.
Parents/Guardians of the nominee will be notified of the student's nomination.
Nominee will receive a confirmation of receipt of nomination.

Nominator Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____

	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	I prefer to remain anonymous as the nominator.			

Address:

	<i>Street Address</i>	<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>
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	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP Code</i>
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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Student Nominee Information

Student Name:

	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>		
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Address:

	<i>Street Address</i>	<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>
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	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>ZIP Code</i>
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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

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Parent/Guardian of Student Nominee Information

Full Name:

	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>		
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