

Defiance Area 2021 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 2021 Excellence in Youth Leadership Award, recognizing student leaders in Defiance County. With the support of a variety of local organizations, 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 – 8th grade and attend a school or receive home-schooling in Defiance County. All students will be publicly recognized for their nomination and receive a gift bag.

Nominations will be judged by an independent group of volunteer judges. One student from each grade category (K-2, 3-5, 6-8) will receive the 2021 Excellence in Youth Leadership Award. The winner of each category will receive a \$100 stipend to award to a Defiance County nonprofit organization. Alternatively, the prize can be used to help fulfill student civic service. Winners will also be recognized with a plaque.

2021 Excellence in Youth Leadership Nomination Form

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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 23, 2021.

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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Submit online, Deliver or Mail to Holy Cross Catholic School

Attn: Excellence in Youth Leadership

1745 S. Clinton Street Defiance, OH 43512

Email to: eylnomination@defianceholycross.org

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All information must be completed for nomination to be valid.

Students will be notified of their nomination.

Nominees 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: _____

Parent/Guardian of Student Nominee Information

Full Name:	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>		
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