



# City Commission Agenda Item

**Meeting Date:** May 7, 2024  
**From:** Randy Frazer, City Manager  
**Item:** 2024 Outstanding Student Award Recognitions

**Purpose:** Recognize and honor Gianna Herrera, Ella Badley, and Bruno Nhavene as Arkansas City's Outstanding Student Award scholarship recipients for 2023-2024.

**Background:**

The **Outstanding Student Award** program was started in 1984. The City Commission implemented the program to recognize students who are outstanding examples of academic and civic excellence in our community. Each year, staff asks teachers, staff, and administrators at the Arkansas City Middle School, Arkansas City High School, and Cowley College to nominate students they think are qualified for this honor.

The **Outstanding Student Award Committee**, appointed by the Mayor and City Commission, receives all nominations from the three schools. Short, informal interviews are conducted with each nominee, and the committee then chooses three finalists from each school to represent the nominees.

From the nine (9) finalists, a top student is chosen for each school. Of the three top students, one (1) is chosen as the Overall City of Arkansas City Outstanding Student for that year and awarded a **\$1,000** scholarship, the first runner-up receives a **\$500** scholarship, and the second runner-up receives a **\$250** scholarship from the City of Arkansas City.

This year's Overall Outstanding Student for Arkansas City is Cowley College student Bruno Nhavene. The first runner-up is Arkansas City High School student Ella Badley. The second runner-up is Arkansas City Middle School student Gianna Herrera. The top three students were announced at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Awards Banquet, where they were honored and received their certificates amongst family and friends.

**Commission Options:**

1. Introduce and award **Gianna Herrera** as second runner-up and formally present the \$250 scholarship.
2. Introduce and award **Ella Badley** as first runner-up and formally present the \$500 scholarship.
3. Introduce and award **Bruno Nhavene** as the 2023-2024 Overall Outstanding Student and formally present the \$1,000 scholarship.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Amount: **\$1,700.00**

Fund: 01 - General Department: 201 - Commission Expense Code: 6217 - Contributions

Included in budget       Grant       Bonds       Other Not Budgeted

**Approved for Agenda by:**

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Randy Frazer, City Manager