



City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: May 3, 2022
From: Randy Frazer, City Manager
Item: 2022 Outstanding Student Award Recognitions

Purpose: Recognition Item: Recognize and congratulate Martyna Kowalska, Paul Lyman, and Daniela Salcedo, Arkansas City’s Outstanding Student Award scholarship recipients for 2021-2022.

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 Ark City Christian Academy, Arkansas City Middle School, Arkansas City High School and Cowley College to nominate students they think are qualified for this honor.

Each year, 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. One (1) of them is chosen to represent the City of Arkansas City as the Outstanding Student for that year and to receive a **\$1,000** scholarship. The first runner-up now receives a **\$500** scholarship and the second runner-up receives a **\$250** scholarship.

This year’s overall Outstanding Student for Arkansas City is Arkansas City High School student **Daniela Salcedo**. The first runner-up is Arkansas City Middle School student Paul Lyman, while the second runner-up is Cowley County College student Martyna Kowalska.

Commission Options:

1. Introduce Martyna Kowalska and formally award her a \$250 scholarship.
2. Introduce Paul Lyman and formally award him a \$500 scholarship.
3. Introduce Daniela Salcedo and formally award her the 2021-2022 Outstanding Student Award.

Fiscal Impact:

Amount: **\$1,750.00**
Fund: **01** (General) Department: **201** (Commission) Expense Code: **6217** Contributions
 Included in Budget Grant Bonds Other (explain):

Approved for Agenda by:

Randy Frazer, City Manager