

First
Rachel Estremera

The first Golden Knight Award recipient was nominated by five members of the High School faculty. “A positive role model throughout Stoughton High School” is how Mr. Christopher Evans, of the Guidance Department describes the first Golden Knight recipient.

In her glowing nomination, Mrs. Pat Small, the Director of Nursing adds, “She is patient, kind, and thoughtful. In all my years at Stoughton High School, I don’t believe that I have ever met a student who is more deserving or more qualified to be a Golden Knight. She exemplifies the Golden Knight principle now and I believe, she always will.”

This Golden Knight Award recipient “has outstanding qualities of character, leadership, and service to the school community”, writes Ms. Patricia Sweeney, of the Special Education Department. “She is a motivated, hard-working, and compassionate young adult. I feel blessed that I have had the opportunity to get to know her.”

Ms. Christine Carr, of the Guidance Department also nominated this student. “She is an enthusiastic, considerate, accepting, and intelligent member of the senior class.” Ms. Carr continues “She is not only one who strives to make herself better, she strives to make the classroom, the school and the general public better as a whole better.”

Ms. Christine O’Malley, of the Special Education Department adds “Rachel dedicates her time and her heart to students, and this makes her the perfect recipient for a Golden Knight Award, and also an amazing educator one day.”

- Rachel Estemera

Second
Rebecca Guerrier

Mrs. Kim Kellogg, of the Mathematics Department describes the second Golden Knight Award recipient. “She worked hard every day and always had a smile on her face. She was so eager to learn and always willing to complete any task. Although she was very quiet she was still a strong leader in the classroom - always leading by example. She showed dedication, determination and perseverance through her hard work every single day.”

Mrs. Courtney Sasin, of the Science Department adds “She started her junior year off as a quiet and responsible student. She had a great attitude and worked hard. Over the course of the year I watched her grow more confident and become a more active participant in class. A year later I am impressed when I see her in the hall, always greeting me with a great smile”

In his nomination, Mr. Eric Shuel, of the World Language Department writes “In her four years, I have known and taught this Golden Knight Award recipient, she has not had one minute where she was not paying attention, or didn’t put one hundred percent effort into her work. She is completely self-motivated, appreciative of the help she receives, respectful towards all students and staff, unbelievably hard working, and someone who will almost always do more than what the teacher requires. She has been an unofficial math tutor, and has spent many hours helping beginner level ESL students with their work and adjusting to Stoughton High School. Rebecca is the perfect example of someone who deserves recognition for her hard work, effort and generosity.”

- Rebecca Guerrier

Third
Ashley Hartman

The third Golden Knight Award recipient “is by far the most capable, independent and mature young ladies I have had the pleasure of knowing in quite some time” writes Ms. Christine Carr, of the Guidance Department. “She is an extremely humble person, finding pleasure in doing for others without asking for recognition in return.”

In her nomination, Ms. Christine O’Malley, of Special Education Department describes this Golden Knight Award recipient as a student “whose energy, enthusiasm, and calm demeanor have been an asset to the Class of 2015. She is the type of person that you aspire to be. Her personality is laid back, yet she is one of the most focused, determined and organized students that I have met. She leads by example and her level presence helps everyone around her feel more comfortable and in control. Her passions are strong and varied, but always involve a helping role. These will all be an asset to her as she pursues her career working with children. And these assets are what make her a perfect candidate for a Golden Knight Award.”

Mrs. Sue Rockwood, of the English Department, adds “Her empathetic personality and leadership qualities coupled with her impressive academic accomplishments prove that Ashley is so worthy of a Golden Knight Award.”

-Ashley Hartman

Fourth
Diksha Pokharel

Ms. Lauren Fidler, of the English Department, is one of many who nominated the fourth Golden Knight Award recipient “Her bright and energetic classroom persona makes her a pleasure to have in class. She is someone for whom school and the school community are immensely important. She takes pride in her class work, being a member of the Class of 2015, and serving as a positive role model for other students.”

Mrs. Terri Croghan, the Peer Mediation Coordinator adds “She is a student with a strong character; positive, caring, responsible, trustworthy, and genuine.” This Golden Knight recipient “is a hardworking student who is working hard to make a difference in the world!”

Mrs. Jennifer Luck, of the Guidance Department describes this Golden Knight Award recipient as “compassionate, friendly and selfless. She is a role model for her peers in the classroom because of her work ethic, enthusiasm, and thoughtful contributions to the class discussion.”

In a glowing recommendation, Ms. Jill MacKay, of the English Department, writes “I very rarely see her without a smile on her face, and the goodness she shows to others – through words of encouragement to a classmate or team member, or her willingness to help a teacher – truly at the top of her class. She has merged as a leader at Stoughton High School, a role model for those around her.” Ms. MacKay continues “She represents the core values that we try to instill in every Stoughton High School student: bravery, perseverance, and excellence. Diksha is most certainly worthy of recognition for her efforts. I could not be more proud of the person she has become.”

Fifth
Joseph Ulrich

“When I think of the words “unsung hero”, there is no song more muted and overlooked than this Golden Knight Award recipient’s”, writes Ms. Angie Furioso, of the English Department. “When he walked into my senior Poetry Experience course in September, it was immediately apparent that he had undergone some sort of emotional and academic metamorphosis. He met and exceeded every expectation. It was hard for me to believe that the same boy who sat at the back of my room four years ago, quiet and dispassionate - was the young man standing before me now. What a radical and beautiful transformation.”

Mrs. Melanie Ingrao, of the Social Studies Department describes the final Golden Knight Award recipient as “a model student, setting a positive example each day. He works hard, is polite and courteous to his teachers, and is personable with peers. His attitude is authentic and refreshing. His story is proof that the way your high school experience starts is not the way it must end.”

Mrs. Barbara Meyer, of the Guidance Department is also very proud of this Golden Knight Award recipient. She adds “Joe is a real success story, a young man who grew up, realized what he was missing and changed his life.”

- Joseph Ulrich