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BULLETIN

TO: Member School Principals

FROM: Gary Ray, Executive Director

SUBJECT: *Courageous Student Award*

DATE: May 2014

Many students throughout the State of West Virginia deserve recognition; however, they sometimes are unable to excel in interscholastic competition. The *Courageous Student Award* is one of the various awards presented by the WVSSAC Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Committee.

The award will be presented to students who exhibit courage or overcome adversity to contribute either as a participant or in support of interscholastic activities programs. Every school has those students who work extremely hard, display good citizenship, and are always willing to extend a helping hand.

Principals must submit a brief letter of explanation concerning each nomination. All requests will be honored. A sample letter is enclosed. Certificates will be sent to the member school principal, and they will determine the method of presentation for each award. We recommend presentation at your Annual Awards Banquet.

A copy of the certificate is attached. Hopefully each school will take advantage of this award and recognize a *Courageous Student* in your school.

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Courageous Student Letter

It usually appears on my e-mail in-box - a message from this student. Sometimes he just says hello. Sometimes he reminds me that God loves me. No matter what his e-mails say, they always cheer me and humble me.

Our courageous student suffers from severe cerebral palsy. His entire existence is in a wheel chair and he relies on an aide to do everything for him from feeding him to writing his homework. Despite these challenges, he is always cheerful. He says hello to everyone in the hall and is quick with a witty remark. He is extremely intelligent and makes excellent grades.

This young person is a hero because he uses his limited resources to make the world around him a better place. With his aide he scanned photos for a video presentation for the schools 50th Fair. He is a ready consultant to teachers and staff on computer problems.

I am proud to nominate this outstanding student for the WUSSAC Courageous Student Award.

Note: For privacy purposes, the name of this student was withheld from this publication.

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COURAGEOUS STUDENT AWARD

Presented to

for demonstrating extraordinary courage

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