

# **CHARACTER COUNTS ESSAY CONTEST**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner – Division 4**

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### **How have you shown good character this year?**

This year has not been easy on anyone. Every day it feels like something else is changing or some new obstacle has arisen.

Yet, we push through each new opposition because it is the human way to just keep on going. And now with everything in a seemingly constant state of turmoil, character matters now more than ever.

With everything going on right now, public safety is a big concern and following CDC guidelines is a great way to show citizenship. Every morning I put a mask on and check my temperature before I walk into school.

Not only does this protect me but it protects my family and neighbors as well. I make sure to uphold my responsibilities as well, not only as a student but as a dutiful member of my household.

I get good grades in school, am always cordial towards my teachers and peers, wake up my siblings for their online classes before I go to school, and clean around the house now that my mother has gone back to work.