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Lake County Elected Leaders Announce the “Academic Excellence Award”

PAINESVILLE, OH, March 15, 2022 – County Commissioners John Hamercheck, John Plecnik and Ron Young, along with Lake County Treasurer Michael Zuren and County Auditor Chris Galloway, are proud to announce that they will be sponsoring the “Academic Excellence Award” to Lake County students who have received all A’s for the full calendar year.

“On behalf of my fellow elected officials, I want to congratulate our wonderful students throughout Lake County who have exhibited a tremendous work ethic during what has been a challenging couple years. Their commitment to excellence will help create future leaders in our communities,” said Treasurer Michael Zuren.

For the past 6 years, Mike Zuren, as an Eastlake City Councilman, has been recognizing outstanding honor roll students with special certificates and goodies donated by local businesses in the Willoughby-Eastlake school district.

“This award is another validation of academic success for these students and will be a noteworthy accomplishment to add to their excellent record. And it’s not without the commitment of our local educators that these students meet their goals,” commented Commissioner John Hamercheck.

This year, the program is expanding this opportunity to all schools in Lake County in order to recognize them for their hard work and dedication and in appreciation of teachers and school leaders for their efforts in preparing these students for a successful future.

Commissioner John Plecnik added, “We are thrilled to be able to contribute and help celebrate these academic leaders. Reaching a milestone such as this helps to promote them outside the walls of their schools and lets everyone know what truly remarkable people they are.”

“Thanks to all of our hardworking students and talented teachers, I see a bright future for Lake County. I applaud their collective efforts and anticipate even greater accomplishments in the years to come,” said Commissioner Ron Young.

Any local business that would like to donate with a freebie or small gift (haircut, ice cream, pizza, movie tickets, gift certificates, novelties, etc.) to these deserving students would be greatly appreciated. The awards will be presented in a ceremony to be held in May.

“As someone who was not a straight ‘A’ student, I think it’s important that we recognize the achievement of these young people and their dedication to academic excellence. As proud as I know their families are of them, so too are their neighbors and all of us in Lake County,” added County Auditor Christopher Galloway.

If you would like your school to participate or you have a business that is interested in donating, please contact Sherri Falkenburg in the Treasurer’s Office at (440) 350-2516.