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The Northshore School District is pleased to share that 68 students will be recognized who exemplify humanitarianism through Northshore's C.P. and Dorothy Johnson Humanitarian Award.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

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Sixty-Eight Northshore School District Students to be Honored during C.P. and Dorothy Johnson Humanitarian Award Ceremony

Bothell, Wash. – The Northshore School District will recognize 68 Northshore students who exemplify humanitarianism through the District's C.P. and Dorothy Johnson Humanitarian Award. The award was established in honor of two educators who dedicated their lives to improving the lives of all children in our community.

Students were selected based on three criteria:

1. Community: Students who demonstrate the ability to promote and foster collaboration toward a common goal, fairness, freedom of expression, and effective communication within a group.
2. Acceptance: Students who promote the value and celebration of their peers' strengths, abilities and identities.
3. Advocacy: Students who support the needs of and encourage equitable opportunities and resources for their peers.

Recipients of the award and their families are invited to a virtual ceremony at 6 p.m. on May 14. Each student will receive a medal in recognition of their humanitarian qualities, which will be delivered prior to the event. The Northshore community is also encouraged to watch on [YouTube](#) or by visiting nsd.org/humanitarian.

This award, formerly called the C.P. Johnson Humanitarian Award, was presented to students in the Northshore School District for 20 years by the school board, with the final presentation in spring 2008.

The award was named after C.P. because he brought the Northshore community a new awareness of the values of ethnic diversity. He spoke often of the responsibilities schools and communities have to understand the contributions of all people. Johnson was valued for his sense of humor, his sincere joy of people, and his keen interest in families and children. He was known for his intuitive wisdom and kindness.

With the ongoing work the District is doing around Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) and equity & diversity, the District chose to relaunch the award program, beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

The relaunch of the program included the renaming of the award to include Dorothy Johnson, C.P.'s wife, who historically presented the medals to the students at the annual ceremony. She too was an educator who advocated for students with special needs across the state. Dorothy was known for her ability to help those she met see their worth, skills and untapped abilities. She has since passed, but her legacy continues today in the state of Washington and in the city of Bothell where the couple resided with their family.

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