Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
May 16, 2024	A-12

Title

Recognition of Cherokee High School Student Jenna Cuomo -- Recipient of 2024 Pine Bluff Landfill/ WM® Scholarship

Requested Action

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Summary Explanation and Background

The $5,000 scholarship is presented to a graduating senior each year as part of the company's partnership agreement with CCSD. The designated school rotates annually, with Cherokee HS selected for the Class of 2024 school, and all graduating seniors from the designated school have the opportunity to apply. This is the 17th anniversary of the scholarship. A committee of community, Waste Management and CCSD representatives reviews and scores applications to select a winner who has excelled in academic, extra-curricular activities and community service.

Jenna, who will attend the University of Georgia in the fall to study biology, plans to pursue a career in biological research. She has dedicated herself to science studies at Cherokee High, including serving as a lab technician intern for the science department. A track and field team member and co-founder and co-president of the school's Paw-sitive Warriors Club service dog program, Jenna volunteers at the Papagayo Rescue House for rescued birds, The Kid Factory and at the school's tutoring center. She is a member of the school's National English Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Art Club, and the school district's mural committee in partnership with Goshen Valley.

"All of these activities have taught me the importance of being active in my local community and using my time in a positive way to help those around me. They have highlighted how small acts can go a long way, whether it is something I do alone or as part of a collective. They have helped me realize I am capable of anything I set my mind to."

Priority Area

Family, Partner and Community Engagement; Student Achievement: Access and Opportunity

Financial Impact

$5,000 Donated by WM®, per Partnership Agreement

Exhibits: (List)

N/A

Source of Additional Information

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