MOUNT VERNON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

HISPANIC HERTITAGE MONTH

Celebration Honorees

HONORING OUR STUDENTS AND CELEBRATING HISPANIC CULTURE

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WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 15, 2025



Allison Santos Barradas

BENJAMIN TURNER ACADEMY

Allison is a joy to have in class. Consistently shows effort in class, treats others with respect and kindness, cares for others and has a positive attitude.

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Bianny De La Cruz

BENJAMIN TURNER ACADEMY

Bianny consistently shows effort in class, treats others with respect and kindness and has a positive attitude. She also helps translate in the class for other ENL students if needed.

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Jeremy Rosario Avila

BENJAMIN TURNER ACADEMY

Jeremy is a hard worker who participates voluntarily in class activities. In groups, he often leads by example, setting the expectations for the other group members to follow.

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A’cy Yearwood

REBECCA TURNER ACADEMY

A’cy is a kind, sweet boy whose smile always brightens his class’s day. He is always willing to help others, especially the teacher. A fun fact about A’cy is that he speaks Spanish, English and is learning sign language!

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Esther Perez

EDWARD WILLIAMS SCHOOL

Esther always shows scholarly behavior, is always on task, and is a good friend. Her respectful nature shines through in her daily interactions, and helps create a classroom that feels inclusive and welcoming.

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Ashley Almonte

EDWARD WILLIAMS SCHOOL

Ashley is a very responsible student. She is helpful towards staff members, and she is an asset to our school community as a whole. She is also a kind-hearted child.

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Aqua Franco

GRAHAM SCHOOL

She is enthusiastic and hard working. Aqua has been a joy to have in class and is always willing to help out her peers.

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Jhon Matthew Arizandieta

GRAHAM SCHOOL

Matthew is a model student. He loves to come to school and learn. He is very helpful in and out of the classroom.

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Leanna Cruz

GRAHAM SCHOOL

Leanna is a very caring young lady. She is always the first to step up to welcome new comers and is always willing to translate.

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Aaliyah Mejia

GRIMES SCHOOL

Aaliyah is a vibrant 6th grader who does well in her academics, participates in school activities, and is very positive and helpful to her classmates and teachers.

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Faris Danba

GRIMES SCHOOL

Faris Danba is currently a 6th grade student who arrived in New York in January 2024 from Yemon. Faris consistently shows effort in schoolwork and caring for his classmates, teachers and family members.

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Allyson Espinal

HAMILTON SCHOOL

Allyson is a kind student who is always willing to lend a helping hand. She constantly demonstrates empathy and compassion towards her classmates and teachers.

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Edelyn Espinal

HAMILTON SCHOOL

Edelyn has been a joy to have in class. She stays actively involved in her learning and contributes thoughtfully to classroom discussions. Edelyn continues to focus on her education and helping her classmates succeed.

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Ashley Desire Brito

HAMILTON SCHOOL

Ashley always goes above and beyond in her academics. She is quick to support and uplift those around her, encouraging her classmates as they grow.

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Nathalie Rodriguez

LINCOLN SCHOOL

Nathalie is a sweet student who actively participates in school activities. She is a role model to other students. She helps students and encourages them to show good and positive behavior.

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Luis Fernandez

LINCOLN SCHOOL

Luis is an energetic, helpful student who always comes to school with a smile on his face, ready to work. He is respectful and kind to his peers and stands out as a leader and a positive role model.

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Daniel Serrano

LINCOLN SCHOOL

Daniel is an enthusiastic and engaged student who consistently volunteers in class, supports his peers with a positive attitude, and takes initiative as an active member of hall government.

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Nicole Tepan

NELSON MANDELA/ DR. HOSEA ZOLLICOFFER SCHOOL

Nicole consistently demonstrates respect, kindness and leadership both in and out of the classroom. She always has a positive attitude about learning and sets a great example for her peers.

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Mery Cardona Augustin

NELSON MANDELA/ DR. HOSEA ZOLLICOFFER SCHOOL

Mery is kind, giving and a hard worker. She is always willing to try, to give an answer, and helps everyone. She is a wonderful student, and I am lucky to have her in my class!

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Mateo D. Olivares

PENNINGTON SCHOOL

Mateo is a hard-working student who is compassionate to all. He is always going out of his way to help, has a positive attitude, and is a great role model to his peers.

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Sarah Nunez

PENNINGTON SCHOOL

Sarah is actively engaged in her work and consistently contributes to classroom discussions. She is always kind to others and is a wonderful addition to my class.

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Oriana Marte Ramirez

TRAPHAGEN SCHOOL

Orianna consistently tries her best in school and at home. She often seeks out resources in Spanish so she can share her learning with her mother!

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Juan Diego Ramirez

TRAPHAGEN SCHOOL

Juan is always organized and ready to work. He is the first to help others. He asks great insightful questions and is a pleasure to have in class!

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Alexia Angel

DENZEL WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Alexia Angel is an enthusiastic student that is consistently demonstrating strong interest in achievement. She is consistently engaged in her learning, actively participating in discussions, and asking thoughtful, relevant questions.

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Emily Martinez

DENZEL WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Emily consistently demonstrates excellence in these categories in visual arts and extra curriculum activities. She stays actively involved in her learning and contributes thoughtfully to classroom discussions.

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Nashelee Pena

DENZEL WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Nashelee stands out among her peers in her hard work and dedication to her craft. She truly embodies the values of respect, responsibility, and community, making her an outstanding candidate for the district's Hispanic Heritage Month Recognition Award.

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Juliet Lajara

MOUNT VERNON STEAM ACADEMY

Juliet is a hard-working student who brightens up the room. She is a kind student who is always willing to help her peers and is a pleasure to have in class!

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Raissa Santiago Pinto

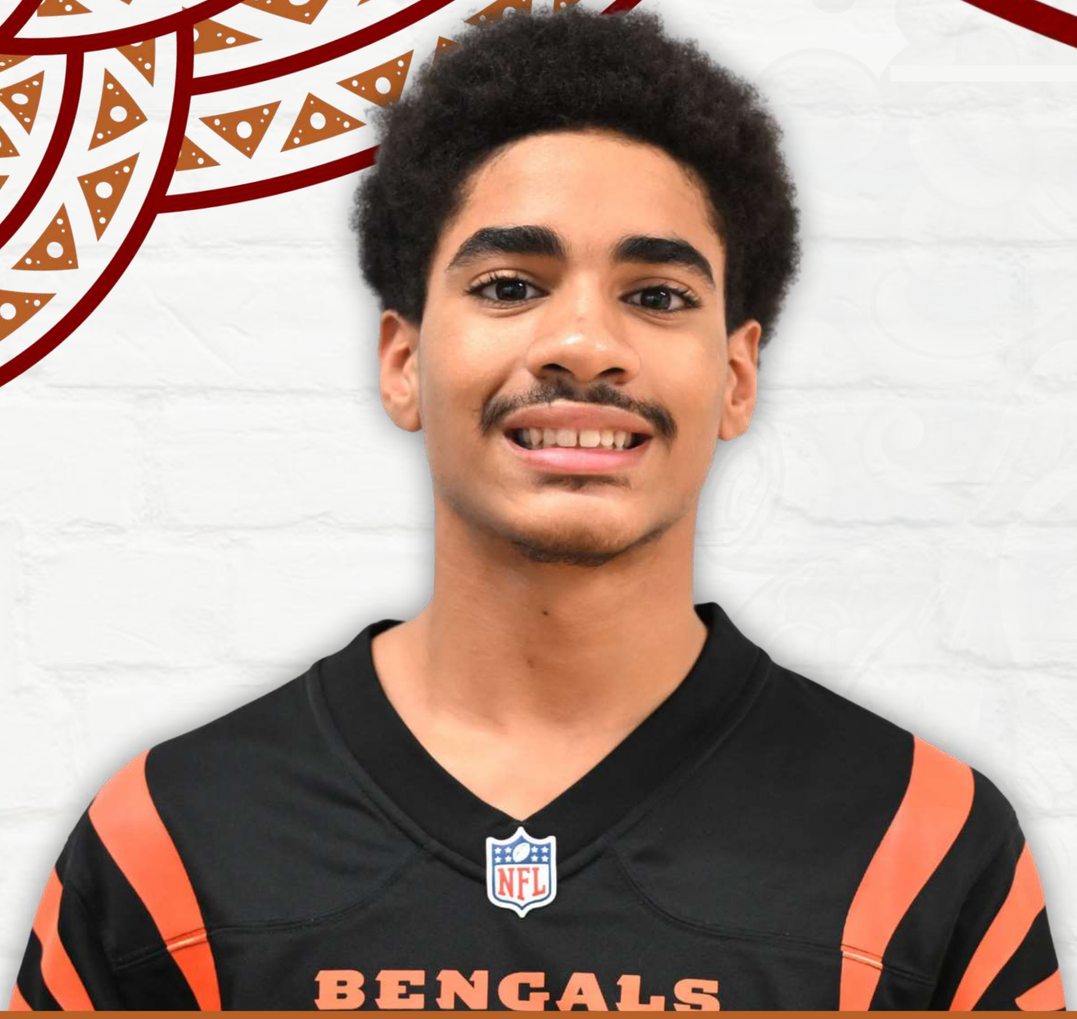
MOUNT VERNON STEAM ACADEMY

Raissa takes on her work with focus, determination, and a true drive to do her best. She consistently demonstrates respect, responsibility, and a strong sense of community, making her a well-deserving nominee for the district's Hispanic Heritage Month Recognition Award.

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Carlos Garcia Pena

MOUNT VERNON STEAM ACADEMY

Carlos offers assistance and encouragement to his classmates along their growth journey. He approaches tasks with diligence, perseverance, and a genuine desire to excel.

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Dana Jiminez Quintero

MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL

Dana demonstrates respect in all of her interactions, warmly greeting her teachers and classmates each day and contributing to a welcoming, inclusive classroom environment.

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Maria Espinal

MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL

Maria takes his academics seriously, always participating in class and engaging with others to help further her knowledge. She is a bright young woman who can achieve anything he sets his mind to!

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