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## **Ohio ESC Association to Recognize Ohio's Top Scholars**

**Columbus, Ohio** – On Thursday, April 11, 2019, the Ohio Educational Service Center Association (OESCA) recognized 84 of Ohio's top students from across the state during the *30th Annual Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Awards Program*, held at the Hilton Polaris-Columbus. The event was sponsored, in part, by North Point ESC and Liberty Mutual Insurance.

The awards program, named in honor of Ohio's 31<sup>st</sup> State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Franklin B. Walter, was established in 1989 by OESCA to promote and recognize outstanding student leaders for their academic achievement and service to their schools and communities. One senior from each county in Ohio was eligible to receive this annual honor.

Eligible applicants must be a high school senior enrolled in a public school within an ESC's service region. Recipients were required to demonstrate outstanding academic achievement as indicated by high school grades, college entrance exam scores, and school activities and awards.

Approximately 400 students, parents and educators attended the event. Among this year's attendee, Governor Mike DeWine delivered the keynote address and the Honorable Andrew Brenner, Ohio Senate, District 19 delivered the invocation.

"Our membership was honored to have Senator Brenner deliver the invocation and Governor DeWine serve as our keynote speaker this year," stated OESCA Executive Director Craig Burford. "Throughout his career Mike DeWine has been a champion for children and families. His executive budget reflects this commitment and recognizes the value of Ohio's network of ESCs. Given his ongoing support and commitment to Ohio's youth, we were honored to have him deliver the congratulatory keynote address to this year's award recipients."

Over the past 30 years, OESCA has recognized nearly 2,700 scholars and student leaders during this event. "For over 100 years ESCs have provided technical assistance and support to Ohio's schools and students. During this special event we get to see the fruits of that labor and the impact these extraordinary students have made on their schools and local communities," added Burford.

## **About OESCA**

The Ohio Educational Service Center Association (OESCA) is a 501(c)(6) trade association, which represents the superintendents, teachers, supervisors and other personnel of Ohio's Educational Service Centers. The association seeks to promote excellence in education through the quality services provided by its 52 member organizations.

OESCA provides legislative updates, coordinates member lobbying efforts and organizes communications among its member organizations. OESCA also provides professional development opportunities for service center administrators and personnel through issue-related seminars and conferences.

## **About ESCs**

Ohio's Educational Service Centers (ESCs) are dedicated to providing school districts with professional development, technology, support, planning, and administrative services that help improve student learning, enhance the quality of instruction, expand equitable access to resources and maximize operating and fiscal efficiencies.

### **What is an Educational Service Center?**

- Educational Service Centers (ESCs) are local political subdivisions.
- ESCs are school districts under state law – 3311.055 Ohio Revised Code.
- ESCs are local education agencies or LEAs under federal law – 20 USCS §7801(17) (ESEA, IDEA, HEA, Perkins).
- ESCs are governed by publicly-elected boards of education.

### **What is an ESCs relationship to Ohio school districts?**

- ESCs are large-scale service providers offering administrative, academic, fiscal and operational support services to Ohio's school districts, chartered nonpublic schools, community schools, and STEM schools.
- Every district with enrollment of 16,000 students (ADM) or fewer is required to be aligned to an ESC.
- Districts are able to realign to a different ESC (anywhere in the state) every 2 years, consistent with the state budget process, if they are not satisfied with the services they are receiving.
- Districts with enrollment over 16,000 students may align to an ESC.
- Districts may purchase services from any ESC at any time – even ESCs to which they are not aligned.
- ESCs are consortia by definition and don't exist if not for their client school districts. Under section 3311.0510. (A) of the Ohio Revised Code, if all of the client school districts of an ESC terminate their agreements the governing board is abolished and the ESC is dissolved by order of the superintendent of public instruction.

## 2019 Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award Recipients

<b>County</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Educational Service Center</b>
Adams	Toole	Mackenzie	Southern Ohio ESC
Allen	Rajasekaran	Sanjana	Allen County ESC
Ashland	Ludwig	Noah	Tri-County ESC
Ashtabula	Brand	Kate	Ashtabula County ESC
Athens	Wilson	Sylvie	Athens-Meigs ESC
Auglaize	Weadock	Alicia	Auglaize County ESC
Belmont	Storer	Kyle	East Central Ohio ESC
Brown	Hiler	Noah	Brown County ESC
Butler	Graft	Josephine	Butler County ESC
Carroll	Lane	Jaret	Stark County ESC
Champaign	Schipfer	Elizabeth	Madison-Champaign ESC
Clark	Kruse	Joy	Clark County ESC
Clermont	Hebbard	Joelle	Clermont County ESC
Clinton	Hughes	Alexandria	Southern Ohio ESC
Columbiana	Chludzinski	Kathryn	Columbiana County ESC
Coshocton	Fornara	Josephina	Muskingum Valley ESC
Crawford	Gimbel	Kaylyn	Mid-Ohio ESC
Darke	Abel	Abigail	Darke County ESC
Defiance	Betz	Angela	Northwest Ohio ESC
Delaware	Fenstermaker	Hanna	ESC of Central Ohio
Erie	Dotson	David	North Point ESC
Fairfield	Verdow	John	Fairfield County ESC
Fayette	Morrison	Victoria	Southern Ohio ESC
Franklin	McCarty	Emily	ESC of Central Ohio
Fulton	Johns	Brendon	Northwest Ohio ESC
Gallia	Nutter	Julia	Gallia-Vinton ESC
Geauga	Foutty	Kailyn	Geauga County ESC
Greene	Schneider	Jessica	Greene County ESC
Guernsey	Roe	Lauren	Ohio Valley ESC

Hamilton	Huff	Jacob	Hamilton County ESC
Hancock	Borkosky	Andrew	Hancock County ESC
Hardin	Colwell	Jacob	Midwest Regional ESC
Harrison	Novotny	George	East Central Ohio ESC
Henry	Haase	Erin	Northwest Ohio ESC
Highland	Ellis	Hunter	Southern Ohio ESC
Hocking	Krannitz	Carter	Muskingum Valley ESC
Holmes	Latouf	Selena	Tri-County ESC
Huron	Little	Anna	North Point ESC
Jackson	White	Earl	Gallia-Vinton ESC
Knox	Holdener	Chase	Knox County ESC
Lake	Summers	Alexandria	Lake County ESC
Lawrence	Higgins	John	Lawrence County ESC
Licking	Saladino	Andrew	Licking County ESC
Logan	Meier	Kathryn	Midwest Regional ESC
Lorain	Liszeski	Sara	ESC of Lorain County
Lucas	Kamer	Payton	ESC of Lake Erie West
Madison	Dersom	Nathaniel	Madison-Champaign ESC
Mahoning	DeRamo	Dominic	Mahoning County ESC
Marion	Marvich	Halle	North Central Ohio ESC
Medina	Oliver	Samuel	ESC of Medina County
Meigs	Brooker	Marissa	Athens-Meigs ESC
Mercer	Partington	Rachel	Mercer County ESC
Miami	Vyas	Leena	Miami County ESC
Monroe	Indermuhle	Thad	Ohio Valley ESC
Morgan	Nesselroad	Deric	Muskingum Valley ESC
Morrow	Johnson	Nathan	North Central Ohio ESC
Muskingum	Dawson	Janessa	Muskingum Valley ESC
Noble	Blaker	Maria	Ohio Valley ESC
Ottawa	Dominique	Joey	North Point ESC
Paulding	Coyne	Madison	Western Buckeye ESC
Perry	Baughman	Katelyn	Muskingum Valley ESC
Pickaway	Wolfe	Ryan	Pickaway County ESC
Pike	Moorman	Layne	Ross-Pike ESC
Portage	Stayer	Amanda	Summit County ESC
Preble	Melton	Elizabeth	Preble County ESC

Richland	Tan	Lin Abigail	Mid-Ohio ESC
Ross	Dresbach	Elias	Ross-Pike ESC
Sandusky	Johnson	Morgan	North Point ESC
Scioto	Redoutey	Patrick	South Central Ohio ESC
Seneca	Hohman	Christen	North Central Ohio ESC
Shelby	Ballas	Joseph	Midwest Regional ESC
Stark	Jordanides	Pete	Stark County ESC
Summit	Vasarhelyi	Kayla	Summit County ESC
Trumbull	Park	Angelica	Trumbull County ESC
Tuscarawas	Styer	Anna	East Central Ohio ESC
Union	Kratowicz	Zachary	North Central Ohio ESC
Van Wert	Skelton	Olivia	Western Buckeye ESC
Vinton	Fee	Kendall	Gallia-Vinton ESC
Warren	Phillippi	Evan	Warren County ESC
Washington	Hartline	Tyler	Ohio Valley ESC
Wayne	Wakefield	Olivia	Tri-County ESC
Williams	Engels	Kimberly	Northwest Ohio ESC
Wood	Ray	Alissa	Wood County ESC
Wyandot	Arend	Sydney	North Central Ohio ESC