

MidState presents Beacon Awards at John Barry School

Casey LoRusso, Medical Staff Office Credentialing Associate, and Betsey DuBois, Assistant to the President, presented the third annual MidState Medical Center Beacon Awards to John Barry School students at their Awards Assembly held on June 8.

MidState and John Barry School have had a school/business partnership since the late 1990s. As part of that relationship, the hospital created the Beacon Awards to recognize the school's core values—respect for self, respect for others, respect for the school. John Barry “Top Star Students”—one boy and one girl from each class in grades 1-5 who exemplify those values—were selected by their peers to submit a statement about what teamwork means and how he or she displayed teamwork this year. Teachers submitted collaborating statements.

Members of the Values, Behaviors & Recognition Team reviewed the submissions and voted for

one boy and one girl from each grade. All nominees received certificates at the assembly. Abdulla Sheikh and Madison Santana (grade 1); Elijah Cruz and Monica Kaluzka (grade 2); Patrick Kudewicz and Aicha Ly (grade 3); Jordan Dunham and Alani Fernandez (grade 4) were presented with a medallion, inscribed with his/her name, and happily posed for photographs. Bolivar Baez and Caroline Gonzalez (grade 5) were the proud recipients of a special inscribed trophy as well as a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. Their pride was mirrored in the faces of the parents and family members. Casey and Betsey agreed it was heart-warming to see how excited and grateful these students were to receive this award.



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