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Everett fifth-graders receive AAA Washington awards

Garfield and Forest View students recognized for heroism and commitment to safety

For her quick response and heroic action while working on the school safety patrol at Garfield Elementary, fifth-grader Morgan deLeur was awarded the AAA Lifesaver Award and has been nominated for the national AAA Lifesaving Medal.

On the afternoon of January 31, 2020, the Garfield Elementary AAA School Safety Patrol worked the busy intersection of 23rd and Pine in Everett, helping student



*Morgan deLeur,
Garfield Elementary*

pedestrians safely cross both streets. According to patrol advisor Teresa Cecil, deLeur made a rescue while crossing an 11-year-old girl and her 8-year-old brother. When deLeur noticed a car in the intersection was moving as the students stepped into the road, deLeur instinctively grabbed the sweatshirt of the 11-year-old girl and pulled her out of the vehicle's path.

"Garfield Elementary takes great pride in our long history with AAA Safety Patrol," shared Principal Kathleen Stillwell. She added, "We are so excited that Morgan has been awarded this prestigious honor for her heroic act. Morgan is a shining example of Garfield Pride and she exemplifies the PAWsitive behavior (be respectful, be responsible, be safe and be kind) that Garfield Tigers always

strive for!"

Forest View Elementary fifth-grader Sabine Pasinetti was inducted into the 2020 AAA School Patrol Hall of Fame along with another student from Marysville, Arielle Valencia. Pasinetti's nomination highlighted her leadership abilities. Patrol advisor Andrea Rosen pointed out that when Pasinetti sees a need, she steps in to fill it, often unprompted.

When it comes to safety, Rosen said Pasinetti finds a way to exhibit kindness while addressing serious issues with children and adults alike. "She is not afraid to tell parents or fellow peers it is not safe to cross," said Rosen. "She models high expectations to making sure all students at Forest View are safe."



*Sabine Pasinetti, Forest
View Elementary*

AAA Washington, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Washington Traffic Safety Commission selects 10

top patrollers for induction into the AAA School Safety Patrol Hall of Fame each year. Nominations require input from both the patroller and their advisor, including responses to a series of essay questions.

Forest View Principal Darren Larama said, "We are very proud of Sabine and her accomplishments to earn this award; she has approached her work as a member of our safety patrol with responsibility and maturity. Whether she is helping at a crosswalk, escorting kindergarteners across campus, or making sure everyone gets on the correct bus, Sabine has made student safety a top priority at Forest View Elementary. Sabine is very deserving of this award and we are glad for her recognition!"

AAA created the School Safety Patrol 100 years ago, and has been inducting outstanding patrollers into the local Hall of Fame for 29 years, and partners with local agencies to bring the program to elementary schools across Washington.

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