

**FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Friday, May 23, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.

City Hall - 2nd Floor Conference Room, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject on this Agenda may be heard at this time. Please limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes.

4. **Youth Award Recognition Program selection**

5. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Youth Council Advisory Committee - Special Meeting

4.

Meeting Date: 05/23/2025

Re:

SUBJECT:

Youth Award Recognition Program selection

Attachments

Award Nomination - Hollice Fortune

Award Nomination - Jose Hernandez

Award Nomination - Milan Taylor

Online Form Submittal: City of Fort Pierce Youth Award Recognition Program

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To Audria Moore <amoore@cityoffortpierce.com>

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Youth Award Recognition Nomination Form

NOMINEE

First Name Hollice

Last Name Fortune

School Chester A. Moore K-8

Grade Level 6

Phone Number 772-475-5093

Gender Female

Address1	4201 Aberfoyle Avenue
Address2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	Fort Pierce
State	Florida
Zip	34947
Email Address	mspoochiezworld@aol.com

PERSON NOMINATING

First Name	Thelma
Last Name	Jackson
Organization/Title	Chester A. Moore K-8
Relation to Nominee	Principal
Email Address	thelma.jackson@stlucieschools.org
Phone Number	772-468-4315

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HUMANITARIAN AWARD, ROLE MODEL AWARD

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Why are you nominating this individual for an award?

Hollice Fortune is an outstanding school leader, academic achiever, role model, and community service volunteer. Who attends school in and dedicates volunteer service to the community of Fort Pierce. These attributes make her an ideal candidate for both the Humanitarian Award and the Role Model Award.

How has the nominee displayed outstanding performance in the award category for which they are nominated?

Hollice displays outstanding performance in both the Humanitarian Award and Role Model category through her active engagement in serving the community. She has spent numerous hours preparing and serving meals to the homeless; visiting nursing homes to sing Christmas carols, make crafts, provide companionship, and distribute toiletries; and visiting sick children at the Lawnwood Regional Hospital pediatric and trauma unit. At Chester A. Moore, she utilizes her role as class president to participate on the School Advisory Council representing the student body and advocating for student concerns. As a Safety Patrol Officer, she serves on an assigned duty post during arrival and dismissal ensuring students moves safely throughout the halls and monitors inappropriate activity to report it to staff. She also actively provides peer mentorship and tutoring for students identified in our school's iSucceed program who struggle with socialization and academics.

Please list any extracurricular activities that the nominee participates in (volunteer, work, sports, church, etc.) that relates to the category for which they are nominated.

At Chester A. Moore Elementary, Hollice serves as Class President, Safety Patrol Officer, and a Peer Mentor. In the community she is an active member of Girl Scout Troop 42061, the Heroines of Jericho Royal Gems Youth Group, and participates in her church's youth choir.

Is there anything else about this nominee that should be taken into consideration?

Hollice has overcome incredible odds and adversity. As a baby, she lost her biological parents and was adopted by her grandparents who work long hours and battle personal illness to make sure she is well taken care of. Over the past four years, I have witnessed her resiliency and dedication in overcoming abandonment, bullying, and low self-esteem to

excel academically and socially. Her accomplishments and persistent will to succeed are and inspiration to her peers.

Attach letter of recommendation [Hollice Fortune Letter of Recommendation.pdf](#)

Attach photographs [Hollice Fortune Community Service.docx](#)

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Nominator Signature Thelma B. Jackson

Date 3/31/2025

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Youth Award Recognition Nomination Form

NOMINEE

First Name	Jose
Last Name	Hernandez
School	Fort Pierce Central High School
Grade Level	10
Phone Number	772-400-1681
Gender	Male

Address1	130 Garden Avenue
Address2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	Fort Pierce
State	Florida
Zip	34982
Email Address	josemanuelhrndz2010@gmail.com

PERSON NOMINATING

First Name	Richard
Last Name	Santiago
Organization/Title	World Class Boxing Club, Inc/Head Coach, Founder
Relation to Nominee	Boxing Coach
Email Address	rsantiago53@hotmail.com
Phone Number	772-979-3920

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Why are you nominating this individual for an award?

I am nominating Jose Hernandez for the Student/Athlete Award based on my experience with him over the last year or so. He has maintained a GPA of 3.5 and continues to hone his skills in Olympic-style amateur boxing.

How has the nominee displayed outstanding performance in the award category for which they are nominated?

As stated above, Jose has maintained a 3.5 GPA, has made the Honor Roll at his school in January 2025 as he continues to excel in his boxing skills training as an amateur level with a record of 2-2.

Please list any extracurricular activities that the nominee participates in (volunteer, work, sports, church, etc.) that relates to the category for which they are nominated.

Jose has been enrolled with World Class Boxing Club for just over a year. He arrived as an anxious young man, expressing his desire to become a professional boxer one day. I have seen Jose grow from a nervous, soft spoken teenager to a confident combatant what, after his first two defeats, continued training and won his last two competitions. He now talks about competing in this year's Silver Gloves; an advancing tournament over the course of 3 months. He keeps me posted on his preparation for this advancing tournament. Jose has participated in a major Saturday clean up day at the local church where we used to train. He was instrumental in helping with our move from our previous location to our present location and always stays after training is completed to assist with cleaning up.

Is there anything else about this nominee that should be taken into consideration?

Jose is a young man who, at the very vulnerable age of a lot of teenagers, stands his ground as a leader and not as a follower. He is firmly grounded in his faith and expresses his beliefs not only when in church but during our travels and training days at the gym.

Attach letter of recommendation

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Nominator Signature Richard Santiago

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Kaelyn Guillaume

English 1 Teacher
Fort Pierce Central
4101 S 25th Street
Fort Pierce, FL, 34981
kaelyn.guillaume@stlucieschools.org
April 1, 2025

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to provide a letter of recommendation for Jose Hernandez who has been an exemplary student in my English Language Arts class throughout the year. I have had the pleasure of teaching Jose and have been consistently impressed by his work ethic, dedication, and exceptional character, both in and outside of the classroom.

Academically, Jose is an outstanding student. He consistently earns top marks on assignments, quizzes, and tests, and demonstrates a deep understanding of the material. He has shown remarkable progress in his writing skills, literary analysis, and ability to think critically. His essays are well-organized, thoughtful, and demonstrate a strong command of the English language. Jose has also demonstrated a high level of participation and engagement in class discussions, contributing insightful perspectives and fostering a positive learning environment for his peers.

Beyond his academic achievements, what truly stands out about Jose is his character. He is a responsible, respectful, and motivated individual who consistently demonstrates maturity and leadership. He is always willing to help others and is a role model for his classmates. His strong sense of integrity and perseverance translates into all aspects of his life, including his athletic pursuits.

As a boxer, I have no doubt that Jose brings the same level of discipline, dedication, and drive to the sport. His ability to balance rigorous academics with his athletic commitments speaks volumes about his time management skills and his ability to prioritize. His positive attitude and work ethic in both arenas make him a standout individual.

I wholeheartedly recommend Jose for any opportunities or programs that may be available to him. I am confident that he will continue to excel both academically and athletically and will make a positive impact wherever he goes.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Guillaume", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

English 1 Teacher
Fort Pierce Central

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NOMINEE

First Name Milan

Last Name Taylor

School The Lindsay School of the Arts

Grade Level 9

Phone Number 772-275-9598

Gender Female

Address1	2109 San Diego Ave.
Address2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	Ft. Pierce
State	FL
Zip	34946
Email Address	magicalmilan@yahoo.com

PERSON NOMINATING

First Name	Melanie
Last Name	Staton
Organization/Title	Blue Canary Agency/ Owner
Relation to Nominee	Mother
Email Address	bluecanaryagency@gmail.com
Phone Number	4109017550

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Why are you nominating this individual for an award?

Milan is a straight A student who was skipped from 7th to 9th grade, owns her own business and dances as her art focus in life over 30 hours a week. She is very deserving of this award.

How has the nominee displayed outstanding performance in the award category for which they are nominated?

Milan Taylor is an entrepreneurial power house. Choreographing and executing her own dance show, at a local venue, complete with intermission, raffle baskets and refreshments, Milan was able to wow everyone in 5th grade. Fast forward to 9th grade and you can find Milan traveling internationally to learn dance as well as business skills. She is the head of Little Lemons, a sibling run Lemonade Business. Serving fresh lemonade, sweet brewed iced tea, and naturally flavored lemonades, Milan has won awards at local events for her products and her entrepreneurial skills. She also makes bracelets and a face mask from Sea Moss.

Please list any extracurricular activities that the nominee participates in (volunteer, work, sports, church, etc.) that relates to the category for which they are nominated.

Completed the CEO Training Program
Assistant Dance Captain for Dance Team at LSA
Volunteers with local organizations- The Fort Pierce Art Club, The Fort Pierce Garden Club, The Indian River Lagoon
Participant in the Acton Children's Business Fair- Winner of Highest Business Potential Award
Vending 2-3 times per month with Little Lemons

Is there anything else about this nominee that should be taken into consideration?

Oldest of four children, her sisters are super inspired by Milan. They all want to dance like her and are enrolled in dance classes as well. They also watch her when she vend at Little Lemons and take direction from her during events. It's beautiful to watch. Milan will be a dual-enrollment student at IRSC next fall and this summer she is traveling with her school to Italy to learn dance history and take a few dance classes. Last summer she went to Japan, with the school and got to participate in Japanese Hip Hop Dance classes.

Attach letter of recommendation

[Milan Taylor Letter of Recommendation CFP.pdf](#)

Attach photographs

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Nominator Signature Melanie Staton

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