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OFFICE ON YOUTH NAMES AWARD IN HONOR OF SHARON MOHRMANN

Orange County, VA – The Orange County Youth Commission is pleased to announce a new award to the annual Garvis Huff Outstanding Youth and Youth Advocate Award ceremony starting in 2021. The new award will be named the “Sharon Mohrmann Outstanding Elementary Student” award in honor of longtime Orange County Public School employee, Sharon Mohrmann.

Mrs. Mohrmann has worked with Orange County Public Schools for the past thirty-eight (38) years and currently serves as the Gifted and Talented Teacher for Orange Elementary School. Her efforts to make the world a better place for her students include coaching Destination Imagination Teams when volunteers were not available, helping students plant raised garden beds to allow them to harvest and enjoy a salad in the spring, as well as planting pumpkins in the fall that produced enough so that each of the OES Kindergarteners received one to take home. Additionally, Mrs. Mohrmann has written numerous grants during her time with OCPS to secure funding to purchase supplies to enhance the learning opportunities for students.

“Mrs. Mohrmann is a true inspiration to so many people, adults and youth alike,” Judy Anderson, OCPS Director of Elementary Instruction, stated. “She works tirelessly to serve the students, school, and community. She generously gives her time and talents to provide encouragement and opportunities for others. In challenging times such as these, Sharon has found a way to spread her contagious optimism and passion for learning”.

Office on Youth Director, Alisha Vines, has witnessed the impact Mrs. Mohrmann has had on her students both personally and publicly. Mrs. Mohrmann worked with her son in Kindergarten and immediately put him at ease, which was appreciated by both parents. Publicly, Mrs. Vines worked with Mrs. Mohrmann on Destination Imagination and the annual After-Prom celebration. “Her commitment to the youth in Orange County is unsurpassed and appreciated by all those that have had the amazing privilege to work with her in one way or another”, stated Mrs. Vines.

The inaugural “Sharon Mohrmann Outstanding Elementary Student” award will be presented at the 2021 Garvis Huff Award Ceremony recognizing 3rd – 5th graders across Orange County for their outstanding accomplishments. Currently, the program only recognizes, middle school students, high school students, and adults. “Following the true spirit of the awards ceremony, and the legacy of Garvis Huff, a founding member of the Office on Youth and Youth Commission, the new award will acknowledge and honor an amazing person who has touched so many lives”, stated Mrs. Vines. The Office on Youth is excited to share the wonderful ideas and accomplishments of our younger population who make their community a better place.



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Nomination forms for the 2021 awards ceremony will be available at the beginning of February and may be found on the Orange County website. Normally, the ceremony is held in March, however, in 2021 it will be scheduled later in the year due to COVID limitations.

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