

CNH CAPSS Superintendent Student Awards

Naomi-Lynn Saunders

“Her positive attitude and enthusiasm for making every place and every person a little better for having been in her company, are an inspiration.” These are the words that best describe why Naomi-Lynn Saunders is an excellent choice for the 2019 Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents’ Award. Considered to be a natural helper, Naomi supports others by jumping right in and offering assistance when she sees a need. She encourages others to join in as well. Naomi cares about her school work, persevering even when assignments are difficult. Her effort has paid off as she earned a place on the honor roll multiple quarters last year. Naomi has developed her leadership skills through her service learning class. Though she began as a quiet participant, she moved on to be an integral part of a number of projects, including collecting donations for victims of the California wildfires last year and managing the Kafe Kangaroo. Currently, she is a senator on the CNH Student Council where she uses her natural leadership, empathy, and kindness to support a range of service and school community projects. Naomi is a dedicated member of the CNH choir who is always prepared and ready to perform. In addition, Naomi volunteers outside of school to help others through her church and community. Naomi is a well-rounded young woman who is a pleasure to be around and contributes to a positive school environment just by being her wonderful self.

Owen Dieterle

Owen is highly deserving of the 2019 Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents’ Award. He is a diligent worker who demonstrates a high level of maturity no matter what class he is in. Described as a quiet leader, he does so by example. His peers often look to him for guidance and he can always be found modeling the behavior and expectations that we would like to see from all of our students. No matter who he is working with, Owen encourages all ideas and is respectful of staff and peers. He works to keep the groups focused and organized. For the past two years, Owen has been one of four students chosen to create, manage, and direct the Veterans Day Assembly. He has also been a member of the Future Problem Solvers for three years, and is currently a member of the CNH National Junior Honors Society. While in 6th grade, Owen worked on a small student run business, which designed, manufactured, and delivered 3D printed items for teachers to use in their classrooms. No matter what he does, Owen brings his best to the table which is why he has such a bright future ahead of him. As one teacher shared, “Owen is a pleasure to have in class and is a source of encouragement to those around him.”