

CHARACTER AND ETHICS FILM FESTIVAL
Winning Videos, Introductions, and Links
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3rd Place Videos and Honorable Mention Awards

Elementary – Honorable Mention

“Gossip is Bad – Valley Elementary School – Jeremy Briggs, Teacher

<https://vimeo.com/159166930>

Students take a stand against bullying, and show how it is detrimental, and how to turn it around and be kind to each other.

Elementary – 3rd Place

“Seagulls Soar with Character” – Sunset Hills Elementary, Monda Forrestal, Teacher.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuMSgJ8Bzyw&feature=youtu.be>

The Six Pillars of Character guide students to make good decisions by showing non-examples and how to make improvements to be a student of good character.

Middle School – 3rd Place

“Does Character Really Count?” – Meadowbrook Middle School – Joe Ismay, Teacher

Students: Peter Daghaly, Josh Shabel, Andrew Nguyen, and Enzo Verna.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1N2jMmh_rY

Without friends nearby, life can be lonely for a student in middle school. A friend helps turn this student’s life around.

High School – 3rd Place

“Wheels” – Poway High School, Robert Kaechele (pronoun: “Cake’-Lee”), Teacher

Student: Jacob Vaus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3oi9LnndDAY> After a traumatizing car accident, a man takes care of a physically disabled woman. 'Wheels' is the portrait of an undying friendship.

2nd Place Videos

Elementary – 2nd Place

“Random Acts of Kindness” – Highland Ranch Elementary School, Julia Reed, student in 1st grade.

<https://vimeo.com/159458617>

Random acts of kindness is a very positive way to share good character with others. Scenarios for both students and adults will motivate people to be kind.

Middle School – 2nd Place

“Do Your Parents Know?”–Oak Valley Middle School, Alexis Edelstein, Student.

Students: Alexis Edelstein, Oak Valley MS.; Amelia Emons Design 39;
Alexis Weidner, Black Mountain MS; and Nicole Edelstein Willow Grove.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4bjT1mNIR4&feature=youtu.be>

Cyberbullying is addressed in a situation that occurred to a student in middle school. The support of friends and family help turn this student’s life around.

High School – 2nd Place

“Arrive Alive”– Rancho Bernardo High School, Ross Kallen, Teacher

Students: Sierra Sands, Aaron Tividar.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4IWKP7UL6Es&feature=youtu.be>

If it takes two hands to complete ordinary tasks around the house, why would someone try to drive without having their hands on the steering wheel?

1st Place Videos

Elementary – 1st Place

“Cheaters Never Win”– Willow Grove Elementary School, Lori Edelstein, 3rd Grade Teacher

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vE0_dmjz2rA&feature=youtu.be

Knowing that adults may struggle with reading and math, students show the difficulty it creates during elementary school, middle school, and as adults. Cheating in the video shows the consequences.

Middle School – 1st Place

“Character Really Counts Video Team”– Meadowbrook Middle School, Joe Ismay, Teacher

Students: Peter Daghaly, Josh Shabel, and Andrew Nguyen, Enzo Verna

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fa44JnkbmU8>

Our video shows how important it is to be kind to your classmates. A little help and encouragement will really help to make life better for others. Josh starts of his day in a bummed-out mood, and his day gets much better when his friend Andrew comes through and helps him study. Andrew shows that good character (being responsible, trustworthy, respectful, caring, fair, and a good citizen) includes helping out students who are having a bad day.

High School – 1st Place

“Umbrella”– Rancho Bernardo, Ross Kallen, Teacher

Student: Kyle Vahamaki

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QI-SyNvs4d0&feature=youtu.be>

Caring for others goes a long way in how it positively affects people’s lives. See different situations in the video, “Umbrella.”