

**Student Name:** Adam Bivens

**Grade:** 12

**Nominating Faculty Member(s):** The Guidance Department

**Statement of Nomination:** Adam is a quiet, insightful and intelligent young man who became a Guidance Aid as a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student. He has come a long way since freshman year, we have watched him mature and strengthen his self-advocacy skills over time. Adam is a student of many talents, he enjoys reading and writing and has a witty sense of humor. He is known to his peers as a student activist and started the East Secular Alliance; he has also been an active contributor to the Light from the East. Adam is dedicated to his academics while also being committed to his job outside of school. We will miss him dearly as he moves on but look forward to hearing about his success at Penn State Brandywine where he plans to major in English.

**Student Name:** Andrew Drake

**Grade:** 12

**Nominating Faculty Member(s):** Todd Lorback and Erica Moreno-Davis

**Statement of Nomination:** Andrew Drake is a student in my AP Government and Politics class. Andrew is not only a conscientious and accomplished student, but he is an old-fashioned gentleman as well. Courteous, considerate, and polite, I will often see him holding the door for his fellow classmates as they arrive to our 1<sup>st</sup> period class. He is always prepared on the material we are covering and quick to volunteer an answer or ask an intelligent question. As his teacher, I wish I could make copies of his traits as a student and always have 25 versions of him in every class I teach. Andrew is also the vice president of Student Council, Senora Moreno-Davis observes that

“He comes to student council meetings very eager to work and contribute his ideas. When given a task it will most definitely be done to the best of his ability, including seeing to all necessary details. He often times will lead the meetings with great authority, all while infusing that famous Drake humor. He is extremely reliable, resourceful, and responsible and oozes politeness! Andrew Drake exemplifies a VIKING WITH PRIDE!

**Student Name:** Amparo Ramirez

**Grade:** 9

**Nominating Faculty Member:** Jennifer Rightmyer

**Statement of Nomination:** I would like to nominate Amparo Ramirez for the Viking with Pride Award. Amparo is only a freshman here, but she conducts herself with the poise, dignity, and grace of someone well beyond her age. Amparo always comes into English class with a smile and a greeting for teachers and classmates alike. Aside from being pleasant and kind, she always puts forth her best effort concerning her classwork and is engaged in the daily lessons; frequently volunteering, contributing to class discussions, and asking questions. Amparo is the first one to offer help to those students around her who may need it, and has warmly welcomed the new additions to the class. She is truly a beautiful young lady inside and out.

**Student Name:** Eniola Sogunro

**Grade:** 12

**Nominating Faculty Member(s):** Kevin Fagan

**Statement of Nomination:** I am nominating Eni for several reasons. As the student representative to the School Board, Eni was one of the first students I met. The first time that we met, I was struck by two things: her good nature and her endearing smile, both of which will serve her very well in future endeavors. Eni is a smart, driven, kind person who embodies the best of what East is about. In addition to her duties as the student Board rep, Eni is also a member of the track team (and notably faster than me, based on what I have seen ...). Eni has a lot of pride, and well she should. She leaves behind her a positive legacy and high hopes for her future. I wish her all the best at American University (I am extremely jealous of her future proximity to Georgetown). Keep smiling, Eni.

**Student Name:** Anya Tyler

**Grade:** 10

**Nominating Faculty Member(s):** Beth Ann Carozza and Cyd Dieckmann

**Statement of Nomination:** Anya Tyler came to the United States March 2, 2013 from the Ukraine. Immediately upon her arrival, Anya had to adapt to a new family, a new school, a new language, and a new way of life. In that short time, Anya has demonstrated her quest for learning of curriculum and language. She always arrives in class with a contagious smile and an eagerness to learn. Anya's language is improving every day and she is always helpful to the other students in the class. She has made presentations to her classes using a loud, confident voice and does not hesitate to ask questions when she need clarification. Anya works tirelessly at her school work; and, she always strives to earn the best grade possible. Ms. Tyler is also a new member of the East Girls Track team, and where she may have had a set back with a minor injury due to working too hard, she is fine to go and is looking forward to running with the track team again, as well as looking forward to next year -- hopefully running with the cross country team. Anya is truly a Viking with Pride.