



Communities
In Schools

Tacoma



2018
GRAD
EDITION

ANTONI

Antoni learned about CIS at Mt. Tahoma High School when he signed up for our H.I.R.E. (Helping Interns Reach Excellence) program two years ago. After discovering the services available to him as a CIS student, Antoni was connected with tutoring to bring his math grade up. Once his grades were back on track, Antoni decided he wanted to give back and start serving his community, so he signed up for our Leader Academy to help others in need. We have seen Antoni grow into a wonderful role model for his peers in the time we have been working with him. Antoni graduated on June 8th and will be enlisting in the U.S. Army this summer so that he can continue to help others. Great job and congratulations, Antoni!



KENYA

Kenya joined CIS programs at Oakland High School as a Healthy Youth Council member and has emerged as an undisputed leader this year. Coming from a non-traditional family structure she has overcome many obstacles and is making great strides both professionally and personally to excel throughout life. Kenya has an amazing outgoing and infectious personality and has demonstrated independence and citizenship skills, taking advantage of multiple volunteer opportunities through CIS. On top of all that, she worked hard on her academics this year and accumulated enough credits to graduate early! She is now enrolled at Tacoma Community College with plans to transfer to Pacific Lutheran University. She aspires to become a family practice physician with specializations in culinary medication and dermatology. With the support of her community this young lady will do great things with her future. Congratulations Kenya!

LEANNA

Leanna has been with our program at Mt. Tahoma High School for almost three years now and we have seen her grow into an amazing young lady! She got connected with CIS to take advantage of our tutoring services to help bring her grade up in math. She has since participated in numerous community service projects and has become a strong advocate, sharing her story with state congress members on Legislative Day and with partners at our state office event last year. Even though she graduated this year, Leanna plans to come back next year and serve as our leader academy facilitator, to help mentor students and give back to our program. While she is just going down the street to the University of Puget Sound (on a full-ride scholarship!), she will be deeply missed here at CIS. Congratulations Leanna, we are so proud of you!



JUNE PARTNERSHIPS & HIGHLIGHTS



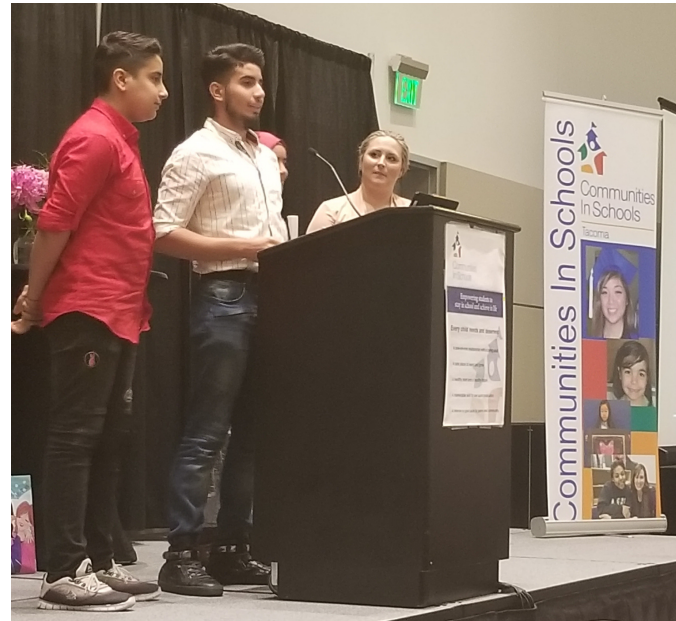
READY, SET, READ CELEBRATION

We celebrated our Ready, Set Read Champions at the end of the year. The children received a medal and personalized READ poster in front of their families. We had a record-breaking year this year, with 703 families participating, over 12,000 books read, and 197 Champions. Great job!

GROWING IN GRATITUDE

Communities In Schools celebrated "Growing in Gratitude" at our annual Luncheon this year. We are so thankful to be part of this wonderful community that supports the work we do. If you were unable to make it to the event, you can still support our work by clicking below.

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It's that time of year again... Communities In Schools is planning for the Stuff the Bus school supply drive. This year, our vision is to make sure that no student starts the year without school supplies. Our goal is to supply the entire student population of selected schools with a backpack full of school supplies. If your organization would like to learn how you can support this goal, please contact Trisha Tracy at 253-571-3843 or ttracy@tacoma.k12.wa.us.