

Heart of Erie Award Winners

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Heart of Erie Award is for students who are recognized for demonstrating outstanding character at Erie High School. They demonstrate high integrity, kindness, care, or support of others.

Chloe Ice - 12th Grade



Chloe Ice demonstrates the highest qualities of an Erie Tiger. She is determined, steadfast, and kind in all things. She is a committed musician, striving for the highest level of excellence. Chloe is a strong leader, inspiring those around her to achieve their best. And she is a kind mentor, encouraging and patient with her peers. Without a doubt, Chloe Ice has the heart of a Tiger, and deserves the recognition of the *Heart of Erie!*

Levi Hughes - 11th Grade



Levi Hughes' commitment, relentless work ethic, and genuine kindness has not only become a driving force within the EHS Theatre program but also a source of inspiration to all those who know him. Whether it's memorizing lines, perfecting choreography, or fine-tuning his stage presence, Levi gives it his all. His work ethic is infectious, motivating everyone around him.

Levi is more than just a talented actor and dedicated student: he's a genuine human being. His kindness and compassion are truly remarkable. He fosters an environment of inclusivity and support, making everyone feel valued and appreciated. Levi's ability to connect with people on a personal level is a testament to his authenticity. He doesn't just perform on stage: he forms genuine connections with those

around him. Levi will no doubt leave a mark on the EHS Theatre program and beyond. He proves that success is not defined by what you accomplish for yourself, but by the impact you have on others.

Vittoria Pugina - 10th Grade



Vittoria is an extraordinary violinist whose music radiates inspiration and ignites a harmonious spark within her peers. As a beacon of inspiration, Vittoria's presence in the orchestra is nothing short of transformative.

Her dedication to her craft and unyielding pursuit of excellence inspires her fellow musicians to strive for greatness, fostering an environment of collective growth and artistic ambition.

Vittoria's impact doesn't stop there. Her generous spirit and unwavering support make her a pillar of strength for her peers. Whether it's offering guidance during rehearsal or providing a listening ear in times of doubt, Vittoria's willingness to uplift and assist showcases her extraordinary character.

Vittoria is always on the lookout for opportunities to share her gift - she seeks out chances to perform within her community, enriching local gatherings with the magic of her music. Through her performances, Vittoria weaves the fabric of unity, proving that music has the power to bridge gaps and bring people together.

Vittoria's journey is one of not just musical brilliance, but of boundless inspiration, selfless assistance, and a deep-rooted desire to enrich lives through her art. She reminds us that the true measure of greatness lies not only in personal achievement, but in the way one uplifts and resonates with the world around them.

Elijah Ariza - 9th Grade



As a newly minted EHS Tiger, Elijah Ariza has proven himself time and again to be an outstanding representative of our community. Elijah is dedicated to “getting it right,” going the extra mile to make sure that he is prepared every day. In addition to his tenacity and perseverance, Elijah is uplifting to those around him, demonstrating kindness and encouragement to his peers, all while having a smile on his face. The future is bright, thanks to tigers like Elijah.