



**2022 Recipient ~ Cyrus Arjomand  
Greenwich Country Day School, Class of 2023**

I have always found service to be a pillar of a community, especially amongst the youth. One of my most important and valued passions is working with younger students, and I have dedicated my time to that since Freshman year of high school. I am a first generation immigrant and did not speak English when I first went to school. It was difficult to adapt to, both socially and academically, and is a big part of why working with younger students is so important to me. For three years now, I have volunteered as an after-school tutor at Building One Community in Stamford. The students I work with primarily speak Spanish, and it is particularly impactful to me because many of the stories they tell me about their day at school, or the trouble they have on their homework is the same situation I experienced. I find that B1C is a wonderful example of Saint Vincent's mission to help and meaningfully participate in one's community. When my students are happy to come in and look forward to learning every time, I know that I am accomplishing my goal. One of the most rewarding aspects of tutoring at B1C is watching your student grow and switch from loathing their work, to loving it. That, to me, is crucial for a student's success and happiness.

Similarly, I also volunteer at the Greenwich Spanish School in Saint Agnes church. There, I foster similar relationships with young students. I love to be an active member of my community, so when I learned that there was a Spanish school open to volunteering, I immediately jumped at the opportunity. It is wonderful to walk in the door during my free period at school and see all the children's faces light up.

Lastly, I have recently begun EMT training. I aim to get my license over the summer and volunteer as an EMT in college and during the rest of my high school career. I am so excited to connect my passion for medicine and my love of helping others. I look forward to being even more involved in my community, and I believe there are few ways to do that more than by saving lives.

I believe this devotion to serving my community is what Saint Vincent stands for, and I hope to continue throughout not only my high school career, but my life.