

## CPW's BRIDGE School Students Display Commitment, Character & Courage, Receive NYS Triple "C" Award

On Thursday, June 9, 2022, four students from Cerebral Palsy of Westchester's BRIDGE School program were awarded the Triple "C" Award, on behalf of the New York State Attorney General's Office. The Triple "C" Awards program acknowledges hard-working students in New York for their Commitment, Character, and Courage. The short event was held at CPW's BRIDGE School in Rye Brook at 10:30am, and family members of the recipients joined the celebration via Zoom. Barry Wasser, BRIDGE School Principal, presented each individual with a certificate, and each nominator said a few words about their chosen awardee. NYS Attorney General Letita James recognizes students state-wide for their milestone achievements through this honor each year.



L-R: Carly Inglis, BRIDGE School Teacher; Ever M. and Aimee V. (Student Recipients); Barry Wasser, BRIDGE School Principal; Joseph Liebowitz, BRIDGE

For more than 20 years, the Office of the Attorney General has celebrated many of New York's most remarkable individuals with the presentation of this award, which recognizes a student's courage in meeting challenges ahead; a commitment to bettering themselves, their school, and community; and their strength of character in achieving their goals. Aimee V.R., Ever M.B., Sammy T., and Jose A. were nominated by CPW BRIDGE School teachers, therapists, and leadership staff as the recipients of the Triple C Award due to the commitment, character, and courage each of them exhibits in the classroom, and this past year, exhibited online during virtual learning. These four students have risen to face the challenges caused by the chaos and uncertainty of the pandemic.

**The BRIDGE School at Rye Brook**, a division of Cerebral Palsy of Westchester, is a special education center serving students with multiple disabilities. It offers a comprehensive program that connects families, students, and educational professionals to help each student reach their academic potential and discover what the possibilities are for them beyond the school setting.

Now in its 73<sup>rd</sup> year, **Cerebral Palsy of Westchester's** mission is to advance the independence, productivity, and full citizenship of people with all developmental disabilities including autism, neurological impairments, intellectual disabilities, epilepsy, and cerebral palsy. Through a comprehensive network of educational programs, day services, residential sites, therapeutic services, employment training, recreation programs and advocacy, the agency helps thousands of children and adults in Westchester and Fairfield Counties live more productive and satisfying lives. The organization's motto is: *Realizing Tomorrow's Potential . . . Today!*

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