



Quinna Hamby



Quinna, an active senior at Niagara Wheatfield High School, and a proud member of the Tuscarora Nation Turtle Clan, is not one to shy away from tough issues. A strong, yet friendly and resilient student, she has tackled subjects that for some may seem too insurmountable to touch.

Following her heart and commitment to helping others by doing the right thing, she encouraged her fellow students to take a stand to make a positive change. Quinna met with her school board and community and successfully had a long standing holiday name changed. Through her persuasive and heartfelt presentation, Quinna was able to redirect her school district to officially change the name of Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day.

While maintaining a high grade point average in school, outside of school Quinna is active in Longhouse ceremonies, native singing and Haudenosaunee social dances. She even participated in the protests against the Dakota Access Pipeline.

For her commitment to her heritage, culture, and a more inclusive community, the NFJC is proud to present Quinna Hamby with the Community Leader Youth Award.



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