



2018 Community Leader Arts/Culture Award



Band Against Bullying

Established in 2013 by M&T Bank employees Jessica Sanna and Mike Bryant, “BAND Against Bullying” is a premiere inter-school music-and-arts competition that promotes the theme of dignity and respect for all students, raises community awareness of bullying-related issues, and rallies support for anti-bullying education efforts. It is a fun, safe, and empowering event that enables students and adults to work together to create safe and inclusive schools for all.

This program, which is an anticipated spring event for area schools, brings WNY students together to demonstrate their musical and artistic skills in a live, performing arts competition. They perform pieces related to themes of dignity, anti-bullying and inclusion. Their acts are scored by a panel of judges who provide feedback on their performances. Though there is a winner selected, all the students performing in the event are highlighting the issues in a very youthful and creative way.

For its work to provide students with a medium for showcasing local school talent in the performing arts, and providing a safe forum to discuss difficult issues, the NFJC is proud to present BAND Against Bullying with the 2018 Community Leader Award in Arts & Culture. Accepting this award are co-founders Jessica Sanna and Mike Bryant.



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