



**2019 Community Leader  
Community Service/Volunteerism Award**



**Rory C. Wheeler**

Rory Wheeler is a Turtle Clan member of the Seneca Nation who, at just twenty years of age, has a record of community service that exceeds what most people will do in their lifetime. Highly involved in his community, he has been honored and recognized many times for his work as an Emergency Medical Technician, as an organizer, and as an advocate and ally for those in need.

Among his many remarkable accomplishments, Rory served as an inaugural White House Tribal Nations Youth Ambassador, as a member of its Steering Committee, and as a Health Policy Fellow for the National Indian Health Board. He was the Youth Commission Vice President for the National Congress of American Indians, a keynote speaker and trainer on suicide prevention, health, and civic engagement, and he is the Financial Officer/Fundraising Chair for the Seneca Nation Volunteer Fire Department. Known for his compassion and dedication to helping others, he served as a Medical Provider during protests of the Dakota Access Pipeline. To increase cultural resiliency he is leading an initiative aimed at eliminating mental health stigmas for and within the Native American community. Oh, and he's also a fulltime college student.

For his incredible commitment to public service and helping others, the NFJC of WNY is proud to present Rory C. Wheeler with the 2019 Community Leader Award in Service & Volunteerism.



*"...a just community begins with me!"*

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