



2020 Community Leader Youth Award



Josephat Iyamureimye

The Elizabeth A. Hickey Award is named for and presented in honor and recognition of Betty Hickey, a dedicated former staff member of the NFJC. We are pleased to present this year's award to Josephat Iyamureimye, a senior at Burgard High School.

Josephat is described as a student with an unflappable demeanor and high moral compass, and to meet him and see him smile, you immediately feel his warmth and gentle nature. Josephat is routed in his service to his community and others. Having moved here several years ago from the Congo, he has skillfully navigated the line between remaining connected to his heritage and becoming comfortable in his new country. Though he may have experienced innumerable hardships, he has remained cheerful and optimistic and willing to reach out and help others. He is very involved with his church, volunteering as part of the band and chorus and many other regular weekly duties.

In school, he takes many advanced courses and has encouraged his fellow classmates to set their sights high, seek out available help, and achieve. Josephat speaks over 7 languages and uses his skills to help promote awareness and understanding of different cultures. Josephat believes in helping others in the here and now, and lives by the biblical quote "Do not say to your neighbor 'Go and come back, and tomorrow I will give it' when you have it with you."

For his indomitable spirit and kind heart, the NFJC is proud to present Josephat Iyamureimye with the Elizabeth A. Hickey Award.

Josephat will receive a monetary award along with his certificate.