



2020 Community Leader Youth Award



Nicole Baker

A welcoming demeanor, friendly smile, and an eagerness to help others have propelled Nicole Baker, a senior at Lewis J. Bennett High School, to the top of her class. She is a liaison between the student body and administrators at her school. Nicole wants all Buffalo Public School students to know about her great school and regularly volunteers her time during open houses and parent teacher fairs. Maintaining outstanding school attendance and high merit roll GPA, Nicole looks out for her fellow students. She is a member of the volleyball, bowling, and tennis teams, who remains humble about her outstanding leadership skills and all the extra-curricular activities she participates in.

Outside of school, she is a long-time volunteer for the Buffalo Cattaraugus and Jamestown Scenic Railway, serving as a cashier, usher and assistant. Nicole considers her fellow volunteers at the Railway part of her extended family, and even dresses up as an elf to spread joy to all the visitors and guests.

Because of her love for her community and her quiet but effective abilities to lead with respect and joy, the NFJC is proud to present Nicole Baker with this year's 2020 Youth Award.