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Community Heroes Awards

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Sunya is a sophomore at Williamsville North High School, where she serves as a Student Mental Health Ambassador. In this role, she works to educate her schoolmates, helping to normalize conversations about mental health issues. This has been vital work during the pandemic, and Sunya has been leading efforts in her school to use personal storytelling to build important connections among her peers. Sunya curated the #MyStory initiative, supported by the Bridges from Borders organization an outreach program that encourages members of WNY's vibrant immigrant and refugee communities to share their stories about coming to the US. She used this campaign to help demystify the immigrant and refugee experience and highlight the interconnectedness of us all.