The Community Chest of eastern Bergen County
2020 Young Woman’s Leadership Award

SENIOR AWARD FIRST PLACE

Ashley Dinerman, a student at Northern Valley Regional High at Demarest, is the first place winner of the Young Women’s Senior Leadership Award given by the Community Chest.

Ashley is co-founder and director of the Change4Good Foundation, a national organization focusing on engaging teens in community service and supporting local community projects. Ashley helped initiate Prom Perfect, an organization which collects and distributes formal wear to students at 5 NJ high schools in Passaic county who would otherwise not be able to attend their proms. In addition, Ashley is Student Council president at NVD, class treasurer for all 4 years of her high school career, and an active local volunteer. Ashley envisions herself in a career in government where she can serve the public and work on social issues. She will be attending University of Wisconsin in the Fall of 2020.

SENIOR RUNNERS-UP AWARDS

Katie Vinson is the first runner-up for the Young Women’s Senior Leadership Award presented by The Community Chest. Katie is currently a senior at Northern Valley Regional High at Demarest where she has been a true leader. Katie has served on the Student Senate for the past 2 years where she is currently president. She is also a class officer and peer mentor at her school. Katie has worked with the Student Senate to increase acknowledgement of diversity in her school, specifically formal recognition of Black History Month and Holocaust Remembrance Day. Due to her efforts, the school has added an assembly on African American History and Culture and the Civil Rights Movement, as well as their first Holocaust Remembrance Day assembly. In addition to her
work at school, Katie is active in Metro Community Church’s Youth leadership team and is a volunteer at Heroes and Cool Kids. Katie is planning to study public health at college in the fall.

Wendy Casimiro is the second runner up for the Young Women’s Senior Leadership Award given by The Community Chest. Wendy attends Dwight Morrow High School where she is a member of many activities such as the Interact Club, where she organized a toy drive to provide holiday gifts to children who would not receive them otherwise. She also revitalized the Knitting Club at her school where the members not only learn to knit and bond over their art, but also provide lap blankets for seniors in the Englewood community. Wendy is also involved in the Girl Gang, the human rights advocacy group, Project Speak Out and is the coordinator of Girls Talk, where girls from Englewood and the surrounding towns meet to discuss the college process and how to build businesses. She is a member of the track and field team and a volunteer at Bergen Family Center. Wendy does all this while holding down a part time job. Wendy is looking forward to attending college in the fall.