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FCSO Presents Great Kid Awards for August 2025

BUNNELL, Fla. — For the first time in the 2025-26 school year, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office presented Sheriff Rick Staly's "Great Kid" Award to three exceptional Flagler Schools students. Investigative Services Division Chief Agustin Rodriguez visited the schools on Oct. 6 to present the awards for August 2025 alongside school resource deputies.

The "Great Kid" Awards are presented each month during the school year to three students — one each in the elementary, middle, and high school levels — who respect their peers, help others, work hard in academics, and represent themselves and their school well. The recipients are nominated by SRDs and school employees.

"We're excited to be presenting awards to students who go above and beyond for another school year," said Sheriff Staly. "We started this awards program in 2018 because we don't hear enough about the good kids. Their efforts deserve to be recognized, and this is a great tradition where we get to do that."

Summer Rae Diaz, a first grader at Belle Terre Elementary School, received the elementary school-level award for her positive attitude. According to her SRDs and school employees who nominated her, Rae Diaz "is a caring and respectful student that all enjoy being around. She always strives for the best and embodies the skills and qualities of a true leader. Her strength, tenacity, and determination are why she was nominated for this award. She is happy, positive, and enjoys helping people and we are proud to have her as part of our Belle Terre Elementary family!"

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Keziah McCoy, a seventh grader at Indian Trails Middle School, received the middle school-level award for her eagerness to assist staff and students alike. According to her SRDs and school employees who nominated her, McCoy “is respectful, maintains a positive attitude, and is an active listener who is encouraging to others. She is a great communicator and is an exceptional student who makes good choices. She is an amazing example of a ‘Great Kid’ and we are lucky to have her as part of our school family!”



Jada Wirt, a senior at Matanzas High School, received the high-school level award for her strong work ethic and enthusiasm for her academics and athletics. According to her SRDs and school employees who nominated her, Wirt “is a stellar criminal justice student who is a shining example of what can be achieved when a student dedicates themselves to hard work and effort. She is being recognized for her positive attitude, leadership skills, and great grades. We are proud to have her on our ‘ship’ and she is a great example for her fellow peers to follow!”

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Wirt is a two-time recipient of the “Great Kid” Award, as she previously received the award in March 2019 while she was a student at Old Kings Elementary School.



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