## THE NARDA MURPHY STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

Congratulations on being awarded this recognition by the administration and staff at your school. It is an indication of both your achievements to date, and their belief in the likelihood that you will continue to excel.

Successful people usually model themselves after someone they know, or someone they would like to emulate. Please think about this: who has most influenced your life? Who inspires you as you envision a career path?

Besides your parents and teachers, is there someone with whom would you like to spend time, talk to, exchange emails as you further refine your goals? A businessperson, a public person, someone about whom you have recently studied?

Please let us know, and Williamston Sunrise Rotary will make an effort to connect you with that person.

Again, congratulations. And thank you for allowing us to recognize the good work you are doing.

In 1964, a young lady graduated from Parsons College in Iowa, and began teaching. That young lady retired June 30, 2017 from her position as Superintendent of Williamston Community Schools.

You do the math: Narda Murphy spent FIFTY-THREE years of educating our children!

Throughout her career, one of Narda's passions was encouraging – and rewarding – excellence. Excellence in the classroom, excellence in the school and excellence in the community.

Williamston Sunrise Rotary has for many years shared that passion. We have an awards program called Student of the Quarter, which provides a certificate and a check to a student identified by the school staff as demonstrating excellence in the classroom, in the school and in the community. We do that each Fall, Winter and Spring for a student from Williamston HS, Webberville HS and Dansville HS.

It is fitting that award is now called "The Narda Murphy Student Excellence Award."