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Bronx Community Board No. 8 Announces 2015 New York Yankees Youth Leadership Award Winners

Bronx, New York, February 1, 2016 – Bronx Community Board No. 8 is pleased to announce the winners of the 2015 New York Yankees Community Council Youth Leadership Award. Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr., member of the New York Yankees Community Council, will present the five (5) Youth Leaders their awards at the Community Board meeting on February 9, 2016 at the Conservative Synagogue, 475 West 250th Street, Social Hall at 7:30 PM.

The NY Yankees Youth Leadership Award is an annual event. It was created "...to acknowledge young people who are providing a positive service to their community, the New York Yankees work in conjunction with the 12 community boards of the Bronx on an annual basis to identify five area youth in each district that are making a difference. These children make up The New York Yankees Community Council Leadership Corp. The Award provides a \$750 stipend for each Youth Leader selected (5 per Bronx Community Board). It is expected that the nominees will perform 50 hours of leadership/volunteer work as a tutor, mentor, community unity developer, and/or as an advocate against violence and substance abuse in the community. In addition, the five (5) Youth Leaders selected from each Community Board will be recognized for their achievements on-field during a pre-game ceremony on their respective Bronx Community Board's Day at Yankee Stadium.

Bronx Community Board 8's Youth Committee Chair Lamont Parker led the committee's selection of the five youth from the board area. This year's honorees are:

1. Michelle Cobos has been nominated by Riverdale Neighborhood House and is currently in the eighth grade at MS/HS In-Tech Academy.
2. Brittany Luisi has been nominated by Riverdale Neighborhood House and is a senior at Maria Regina High School.
3. Vivien Llanes has been nominated by Riverdale Neighborhood House and is a senior at Maria Regina High School.
4. Diamond Brown has been nominated by the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center. She is a senior at Bronx Theatre High School on the JFK Campus.
5. Shakira Marrero has been nominated by Ft. Independence Community Center and is a graduate of In-Tech Academy.

The NY Yankees Youth Leadership Award winners are also listed on the Bronx Community Board No. 8 website at <http://www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8> and in the monthly newsletter for February.

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Bronx Community Board No. 8 plays an important role in improving the quality of life for the communities it serves and in advocating with New York City government and elected officials for municipal service delivery, land use and zoning issues, business development, the City budget and other matters relating to the community's health, safety and welfare.

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