



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senator Sanders Announces NYS Senate Youth Leadership Recognition Awardees

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A graphic for the New York State Senate Youth Leadership Recognition Awards. On the left is a large green 'Y' and a blue 'L' that form a stylized arrow pointing up and to the right. In the center is a gold coin with the New York State Seal and the words 'NEW YORK STATE' and 'SENATE'. To the right of the coin is the text 'NYS SENATE Youth Leadership RECOGNITION AWARDS' in green and blue. Below this is the title 'New York State Senate Youth Leadership Recognition Awards' in green and blue. At the bottom is the text 'Do you know a successful student whose accomplishments make your school proud? The State Senate wants to hear their story.' in black.

**New York State Senate
Youth Leadership Recognition Awards**

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Senator Sanders (D-Rochdale Village, Far Rockaway) is proud to announce that three young people from his district have been awarded New York State Senate Leadership Recognition Awards. This honor is bestowed upon juniors and seniors in high school for their achievements in academics, athletics, arts and community service and the great work they do to benefit their communities.

"The applications we received are from a young generation of New York's future entrepreneurs and leaders, who possess exceptional leadership qualities and the determination to make a difference in the future success of our communities," Sanders said. "I am extremely proud of their hard work and encourage them to continue to find ways that they can positively influence the lives of those living in their community and throughout the state."

The 2018 winners from the 10th Senatorial District are:

Christian Izien - Academic Achievement - Far Rockaway

Justin Olave - Academic Achievement - Ozone Park

Zahir Shadick - Community Service - Far Rockaway

"As your state Senator, I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to you for receiving this award," Sanders said. "I also wish to thank your parents and your school faculty for their role in your academic and extracurricular successes, and for encouraging you to get involved in community service."