COUNTY OF YORK
MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 3, 2003 (BOS Mtg. 4/15/03)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: 2003 Outstanding Youth Awards

The Outstanding Youth Awards Program was established as a jointly sponsored initiative by the Board of Supervisors and the 1989 – 1990 Youth Commission. The program seeks to recognize exemplary character, achievement, and service among the County's high school-aged residents. Each year, press releases, flyers, school announcements, County cable programming, and letters to area places of worship are used in an effort to attract attention to this opportunity for the community to focus on "what is right" about so many of our young people. Student nominations traditionally come from a wide variety of individuals including teachers, counselors, school principals, ministers and youth workers, neighbors, parents, grandparents, and fellow students.

A Selection Committee comprised of one member of the Board of Supervisors, one member of the School Board, and two Youth Commissioners reviews the nominations individually and then meets to deliberate and choose the four award winners. This year's Selection Committee included Mr. Tom Shepperd from the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Mark Medford from the School Board, and Youth Commissioners Nicole Eickhoff and Brittany Hall.

Attached for your consideration are Resolutions R03-64, R03-65, R03-66, and R03-67, which commend and congratulate the four York County teens selected as 2003 Outstanding Youth Award winners in the areas of Compassion, Community Service, Overall Achievement, and Courage respectively.

The Board and the Youth Commission will host a dinner reception for these winners, their families, and their respective nominators at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2003, at the York Hall Gallery Room. The awards will be formally presented at the Board of Supervisors' meeting at 7:00 p.m. that same evening.

If the Board has need of any other information or desires other staff action, please advise.

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Attachments