



Edward C. Byers, Jr.
Medal of Honor Recipient
United States Navy SEAL Master Chief
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Dear Otsego Knights,

It was my humbled and great honor to be induced into the Otsego School District Hall of Fame in 2017 and to share part of my personal story with my alma mater. It has been a little over a year since I helped implement the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, Character Develop Program (CDP), into the school district and it is with sincere hope that it is being well received. This youth-based program is designed to help reinforce sought after everyday principles, which is the embodiment of the Medal of Honor: Courage, Commitment, Citizenship, Sacrifice, Integrity, and Patriotism.

During that time I unveiled my vision to establish a way to pay it forward and recognize home town hero's. I'm happy to officially announce the Edward C. Byers Jr. awards for Exceptionalism and Heroism. These awards have been designed around the following premises:

- 1) It takes a village to raise a champion.
- 2) Success is a product of an incredible amount of sacrifice.
- 3) There is a hero in each one of us.

It is my vision, with the help of the Otsego Family, to grow this award into an enduring recognition and honor that is cherished by those in the community and revered by college admissions boards throughout the Great State of Ohio.

Next May, at the annual awards night, I plan to honor and recognize the award recipients who have displayed incredible achievement and courage as well as to get to know their families. As a token of my appreciate each recipient will receive a \$500 check, Medal of recognition, and a lunch with your immediate family and me.

I look forward to seeing everyone this spring!

Thank you and God Bless.

Strength through Humility®,

Handwritten signature of Edward C. Byers Jr.

Dated this 1st day of November 2018.

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Edward C Byers Jr. Awards for Exceptionalism & Heroism

Exceptionalism Award

To be presented to an individual who has excelled in the academic and extracurricular domains. For achievements above and beyond what would be expected of a normal individual. Must be able to submit supporting documentation for various academic and extracurricular domains.

Heroism Award

To be presented to an individual for an act of selfless bravery or community commitment that goes above and beyond what would be expected from a good citizen. Must embody selfless service and have 2 separate parties submit witness statements.

Criteria

- 1) Be part of the Otsego School District or live in the district and be homeschooled
- 2) 6-12 grade
- 3) You must have been recommended by your peers, teachers, students or friends.

You may not nominate yourself for this award and nominations must be made by those who are not immediate family members. The intent is to drive community collaboration.

Awardees will receive:

A \$500 check

Medal of Accomplishment presented on Awards Night in May

Lunch with Master Chief Edward Byers and your immediate family members.

Nominations

Use a separate form for each nominee.

Nominee's Information			
Last Name			
First Name			
Grade Level		Attends Otsego or Homeschools in district	
Nominee's Email			
Nominee's Address			
Guardian/Parents Names			
Guardian/Parents Phone Number			
Award Nomination	Exceptionalism	Heroism	
Nominator's Information			
Last Name			
First Name			
Nominator's Email			
Nominator's Phone #			

Reason for Nomination.

Amplifying Information: Supporting documents- Articles, Pictures, Testimonies

Why does this nominee deserve this award? 500 words or less.
