

Needham Community Farm announces 2016 Outstanding Youth Volunteer Awards

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Seven students recently recieved the Needham Community Farm’s 2016 Outstanding Youth Volunteer Awards. Pictured, from left: Austin Shaver, Jeremy Wong, Josie Dardinski, state Rep. Denise Garlick, Alejandro Gabrielle Celado, Ketsia Bernard and Duncan Shaver. Not pictured: Michael Totten. Courtesy Photo

The Needham Community Farm recently announced the seven recipients of its 2016 Outstanding Youth Volunteer Awards.

The award is presented to student volunteers who dedicate a substantial number of volunteer hours over the course of the spring, summer and fall seasons, above and beyond those of typical Needham Community Farm volunteers. In addition to typical farm jobs, these youth took on more complex roles at the farm, including serving as youth leaders and mentors to younger students.

The seven recipients were Alejandro Gabrielle Celado, of Pollard High School; Ketsia Bernard, Josie Dardinski, Austin Shaver and Duncan Shaver, of Needham High School; and Needham High School graduates Michael Totten and Jeremy Wong.

The awards were presented by state Rep. Denise Garlick, D-Needham, during a ceremony at

the farm on Oct. 13. The Needham Community Farm is a nonprofit organization that donates all produce grown at the farm to individuals and families in our community who may not have consistent access to fresh, locally grown produce.

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