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## **Bloomfield student Vaeyanna Lettman awarded UTC/YMCA Youth Citizenship Award for outstanding volunteer service**

Vaeyanna Lettman of Bloomfield was awarded one of four United Technologies/ YMCA Wesley A. Kuhrt Youth Citizenship Awards for Community Service conferred statewide at the YMCA of Greater Hartford Annual Meeting. The awards are made in memory of a man known for his outstanding volunteer and professional leadership, the late Wesley A. Kuhrt, who was president of Sikorsky Aircraft and a former United Technologies Corporation vice president.

The UTC/YMCA Youth Citizenship Awards are presented annually to young YMCA program participants ages 15 to 20, who have strongly demonstrated an ongoing commitment to volunteer service. Through their experience at the YMCA, applicants and winners alike learn the YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, helping them to become positive role models and leaders in their communities.

Vayanna worked with Young Women Creating Change which collects clothing and toiletries for women and girls in need. As a student leader at Capitol Preparatory High School, she helped plan and lead the first two Women's Conference and Power Up Forums. Young women from throughout the region came together to hear inspiring speakers and attend forums where Vayanna and other presenters shared stories of strength and self-esteem.

Lettman is a sophomore at Manchester Community College.

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