

Vinal Tech CJPS

Exceptional Citizenship Award



The Criminal Justice and Protective Services Program Exceptional Citizenship Award is awarded to any member who receives recognition for an outstanding personal achievement in the community or who goes above and beyond in demonstrating humanity and compassion. On January 17, 2019, CJPS student Z.J. demonstrated exceptional humanity and compassion. The temperature was in the lower 20's and Z.J.'s elderly neighbors were returning home late in the afternoon. After assisting her unsteady husband to his walker from the car door, he fell backwards, knocking her to the ground before hitting his head and falling himself. Both were unable to get up. She called 9-1-1. Z.J.'s brother happened to look out the window and saw the husband on the ground. Together, they ran across the street as a Cromwell officer was pulling up. Z.J. got blankets from the car and assured the injured couple that help was on the way. Z.J. then noticed a young child in the roadway watching the scene. He was curious and scared at what he was watching. Z.J. walked over to the child and walked him home; explaining that they were ok and asking about his Christmas and New Year's to help him relax about what he had just seen. Z.J. returned as the ambulance arrived and assisted with the couples belongings telling them they would be safeguarded. The humanity and compassion displayed by Z.J. is indicative of his excellent moral character.

Vinal Tech CJPS is proud to recognize Z.J. and present him with the Exceptional Citizenship Award. Congratulations Z.J.!

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