

Rising Star Award

Cynthia Zwicker

Cynthia was hired as a summer employee and showed that she was an extremely hard worker and dedicated member. Cynthia helped manage and facilitate the office, and was part of a short film shot by the summer crew. Cynthia continues to rise in her performance, thus receiving the Rising Star award.

Most Dedicated Youth

Tekala Lopes

Tekala, a freshman at Global Learning Charter School, is a model of civic engagement. Tekala is an A / B student who is deeply committed to the mission of 3rd EyE. Tekala does everything necessary to help the team execute events, including tireless fundraising, community outreach, and oftentimes doing the "dirty work" that many might not want to do.

Most Dedicated Youth

Dereck Hunt

Dereck, a junior at New Bedford High School, became involved in 2008 and is a steady fixture in 3rd EyE's office headquarters. Dereck is always working to perfect his music, and works hard to be one of the most consistent and thorough members of the 3rd EyE team.

Youth Leader Award

Morgan Victor

Morgan started the summer as youth employee and a month later was promoted to be a supervisor. Now at Providence College in her junior year, Morgan comes home each summer to exemplify efficiency and lead fellow young people through her solid work ethic. Morgan helped many youth see their full potential this summer, as well as leading the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament section of the 10th Annual 3rd EyE Open.

Down for the Cause Award

Lenora Benson

Lenora started her involvement by volunteering as a service learning project for her Umass Dartmouth sociology class. Lenora went beyond her requirements, and volunteered to head up many fundraising drives for the 10th Annual 3rd EyE Open. She also lead the Fashion Show segment of the 10th Open, and was a positive influence to many teenage girls in the program.

Most Involved Board Member

Ian Mello

Ian Mello has been heavily involved since 2006 as a grant writer and a positive mentor. He stepped onto the board in 2008, and became Board Chair in 2009. He has stepped up to provide leadership, research, and fundraising work for an evolving Board of Directors.

Most Supportive Parent

Virginia Senna-Davis

In a time where everyone is so busy, this parent is always reaching out amongst her busy life to support 3rd EyE who her daughter, Teana Davis, has been involved for eight years. She cooks for events every times and is always eager to help out in any way she can.

Most Supportive Organization

SEEAL (Southeastern Massachusetts Environmental Education Alliance)

SEEAL has been a key catalyst in the movement to improve our environment and economy in New Bedford. SEEAL provides grants to various organizations and schools to build capacity to address these key issues. How could an organization be more supportive? SEEAL collaborated with 3rd EyE's video microbusiness in 2009 to produce the SouthCoast Climate Challenge Film which has been presented to seventeen middle and high school assemblies throughout Southeastern, MA.

Most Supportive Police Officer

Willie Coates

Willie Coates, a School Resource Officer, was nominated by New Bedford High School students for his positive relationship building, and community style approach within the challenging atmosphere.

Most Supportive Teacher

Kerrie Macnamara

Miss Macnamara teaches at Keith Middle School and was introduced by three of her former students, Chelsea Barret, Devon Washington, and Alexis Rose. Her tireless dedication to developing her students was recognized, as she has sponsored low income students to attend basketball camps, bought personalized books for her students, and goes constantly above and beyond to help her kids.

Most Supportive Sponsor
BMC HealthNet Plan

BMC Health Net Plan recognizes the need to reach youth about the importance of staying active and healthy. BMC partnered with 3rd EyE in 2009 to sponsor the Open and create a rap psa and a collaborative art mural communicating these values. They are supportive of the community and recognize and support effective methods of reaching young people.

Lifetime Achievement Award
Stephanie Cruz

Stephanie has volunteered to lead the food section of the 3rd EyE Open for the last nine years. In consistent, ninety degree weather, Stephanie has lead a solid crew that pulls sixteen hour days at each 3rd EyE Open.

Lifetime Achievement Award
Tyson Rose

Tyson was a 3rd EyE forefather who was involved from 1999 until 2004 when he moved to San Diego, CA. He mentored hundreds of young people and helped lead the execution of the first four 3rd EyE Open Festivals. He currently is studying for his Masters Degree in Social Justice Education at Umass Amherst.

Be A Real Man Awards
Temistocles Ferreira
Benjamin Gilbarg

These awards were initiated and delivered by Mitchell Garner, a 3rd EyE Youth leader, who has been mentored and influenced deeply by these two men. "Their deep commitment to being good fathers" is how Mitchell described his purpose for giving Mr. Ferreira and Mr. Gilbarg the awards. Temistocles has two sons, and Benjamin has two sons and a daughter.