

## Peer Perspective June 2022

This time of year as kids of all ages move from the school year over to summer the following “shout out” rings near and dear to my heart...

“A big shout out to all the kids who didn’t win an award, make honor roll, and barely made it through the school year.

A big hug to the moms, dads, grandparents, caregivers, and foster parents that stuck by them as they maneuvered the school year.

To the kids that didn’t get invited to the prom, didn’t get a scholarship to college, and perhaps have to go straight to work out of high school... you are still worthy of a pat on the back and a Facebook post with people talking about how amazing you are.

Some kids have to work twice as hard as other students just to get a C. Their achievements deserve recognition.

Don’t forget those kids.

Kindness, creativity and generosity.... those attributes sadly don’t get the accolades they deserve.”

By: unknown

As a Family Peer Specialist, I get the privilege of supporting families as they celebrate the victories their kids accomplish and offer support on their journey through the ups and downs of raising some wonderful human beings. Utilizing my own life experience with my own amazing human, I can relate to the frustrations that can be endured when our kids may need a little extra support, the time and energy that can go with that and how we find the inner strength to get up and do it again day after day. Another school year is ending and parents, grandparents, foster parents, caregivers.... WE MADE IT! A BIG shout out to you and your amazing human beings!

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