



Tyric Drane
Cleveland

Tyric Drane is known as a bridge builder and role model to young residents in Cleveland's Central neighborhood where he was raised. A 2019 graduate of East Tech High School in Cleveland and currently a junior at Bethany College, Drane's nominator describes him as the epitome of the King principle that the Beloved Community is the framework for the future.

"Since his early days, Tyric Drane has realized the importance of community and nonviolence. Growing up in a neighborhood where nearly 70% of residents live below the poverty line, Tyric has witnessed more than his share of community challenges and violence in his young life."

These challenges strengthened his resolve to make a difference in his community. Even though he attends college out of state, Drane returns home to give back, working over the summer with the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland. In this capacity, Drane engages in grassroots advocacy. He worked on the Greater Cleveland COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund's government affairs task force supporting nonprofit organizations dealing with the ongoing effects of the pandemic. Drane and another intern compiled research, conducted informative interviews, and assisted in communications between organizations and fund members.

Drane volunteers regularly for community service projects and serves the Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland by mentoring students in afterschool athletic programs and speaking to high school seniors about the importance of building community relationships. He also helped gather input from often-excluded community members to help inform the design of the new St. Vincent Charity Medical Center Health Campus in his neighborhood.

"He recognizes the need to uplift the fact that Cleveland's Central neighborhood is a community full of resources and that he is an example that you are bigger than your circumstances," added his nominator.

A high school and college football player, Drane is one of only seven Bethany College football players to make the 2020-21 President's Athletic Conference Academic Honor Roll. His interest in a career in athletic training stems from his own experiences and he aims to help young athletes reach their highest potential.

Dawn Glasco, Manager of Engagement and Social Innovation for Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood, lauds Drane for his vision and leadership that sets an example for other young people to follow.

"His discipline as an athlete, student, mentor, and leader serve as a light to all around him. Tyric is destined for a life of greatness and joy because his generosity will continue to reap him many rewards."

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Award criteria: Nominees must have been 20 or younger on Nov. 30, 2021. Nominees must exemplify leadership, nonviolence, commitment to excellence, and interracial cooperation. Nominees must have demonstrated an adherence to one or more of Dr. King's Six Principles of Nonviolence, which are:

- 1. Nonviolence is a way of life for courageous people.*
- 2. The Beloved Community is the framework for the future.*
- 3. Attack forces of evil, not persons doing evil.*
- 4. Accept suffering without retaliation for the sake of the cause to achieve the goal.*
- 5. Avoid internal violence of the spirit as well as external physical violence.*
- 6. The universe is on the side of justice.*