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TWO DISTRICT FOOTBALL PLAYERS WIN SPC'S YOUNG MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Eastside's Elijah Carroll and Kennedy's Adrian "AJ" Mouzone recognized for community service and athleticism

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PATERSON – Two prominent Paterson Public Schools football players have shown that the gridiron is not the only place they do a lot of good. The Super Football Conference has awarded the Eastside Football Ghosts' Elijah Carroll and the Kennedy Football Knights' Adrian "AJ" Mouzone the 2022 Steve DiGregorio Young Man of the Year Award which recognizes the players' dedication to service in school and in their community as well as their athletic abilities.

Carroll, the Eastside's wide receiver, had contributed to his community by tutoring members of the Eastside Football program and volunteering as a mentor to youth who are at risk at Youth Consolation Services. He is also a member of The Omega Teens, a mentoring program run by the Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Meanwhile, Mouzone, a wide receiver for Kennedy, has participated in many community activities including Ceasefire's Community Clean-Up Walk, the 1000 Man March, the Faith in the Fourth Clean-Up, participating in Paterson Charter School of Science and Technology's JROTC program and volunteering in the 2022 Paterson mayoral election.

"I commend both of these fine young men for being as committed to doing everything they can off the field as they are on the field," said Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer. "Their receiving the Young Man of the Year Award should serve to remind us that we can all make a difference in the communities we live in, whether it is a school, a neighborhood, or an entire city."

Shafer expressed her thanks to the coaches and athletics staff who nominated Carroll and Mouzone for the awards; at Eastside, Athletic Supervisor T.J. Hill and Head Football Coach James Magazine; at Kennedy Athletic Supervisor Scott Durham and Head Football Coach Ron Jackson.

Photo 1: Coach Magazine, Elijah Carroll, Supervisor Hill

Photo 2: Coach Jackson, Adrian "AJ" Mouzone

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