

# 2017 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

## **Nominee: Kim Thomas**

Nominator: Maureen Byrne

### *In the Nominator's words:*



It is an honor to nominate Kim Thomas for the 2017 Citizen of the Year.

Kim is an amazing individual who has contributed much to the Dublin High School community in 2017. One of our amazing offerings at Dublin High School is a required class for freshman, the "Freshman Seminar." Students explore career opportunities and personal values to help them plan for the future.

The final for the class is a mock job interview. We ask members from the community to interview our students, and Kim has volunteered for this every time the call goes out.

At the beginning of the school year, Kim mentioned in passing that she wanted to help out the less fortunate in our community. I told her that I would think of ways but then let the conversation drop. She approached me again in December asking the same thing. I mentioned that we had some families in need for the holidays. Rather than just open her own checkbook, Kim created a community of givers. She started a "Go Fund Me" page to raise money and, in doing so, raised more than \$1,000 to allow families to have a true holiday. She did this without want of recognition and, in doing so, not only changed the reality of some families, she raised awareness in the community. It was so wonderful to have her facilitate this community of givers.

Kim is always willing to help out when asked. Our College and Career Specialist, Leann Nobida, has this to say about her: "A few months ago, I recruited for a Gala that the DBMG was hosting, and they wanted some of our students to help out. I asked many of our seniors and received three responses, and also added Jalen (her son who is a Junior) to the list. Kim played a vital role in getting our students to the Gala to help. Kim is always that person who jumps in to help out. She's really that person that cares about all of the kids and is continually trying to make our community a better place. I never hear her complaining - she is a person that focuses on the positive."

Kim makes a difference to our community and is an excellent choice for Citizen of the Year.