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Students at East Jordan High School

Northern Community Mediation (NCM) has been working with five of Matt Hamilton's students at East Jordan High School to produce videos promoting mediation. NCM Executive Director Dr. Jane Millar met with the class in November to explain mediation and the services offered by NCM. Although their teacher Matt provided some guidance, he is quick to explain that it was the students themselves who created the finished products.

Nicholas Bascom, Aiden Kolp, Zeke Richey, Alex Rodgers and Jordan Valentine opted to focus on three of the NCM programs: bullying, school attendance and shoplifting. They chose these topics because they are ones that impact high school students. In the development of the videos, all five of the students acknowledged the importance of team work and listening to the input of one another. They also were learning to use social media as a positive force.

As a means of thanking the students, their teacher was presented with a check for \$250, which was a grant received by NCM from the Women's Association. The plan is to use some of that money for a pizza party and perhaps, special T-shirts for the five students and classroom equipment.

On Tuesday, February 8, a description of the project along with a class picture will be posted on both Facebook and Instagram. The shoplifting video will be posted on Thursday, February 10, the bullying video on Thursday, February 17, and the school attendance video on Thursday, February 24. The videos will continue to be posted on Facebook and Instagram throughout the year.

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict

Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation should contact Dr. Jane Millar at 231.487.1771.

Pictured from left to right: Matt Hamilton, Jordan Valentine, Zeke Richey, Nicholas Bascom, Alex Rodgers, Aiden Kolp