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Kendrick statue challenge

My five suggested statues are:

| Person | One-sentence summary of who they were |
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| Rosa Parks | Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a |
| | segregated bus for a white person. |
| Katherine | Johnson calculated some complex calculations that |
| Johnson | helped NASA successfully achieve space flight. |
| Martin Luther | King led the Civil Rights movement. |
| King. Jr | |
| Nelson | Nelson Mandela was the first black president of |
| Mandela | South Africa |
| Malala | Malala was a famous activist for girls' education |
| Yousafzai | |



Explanation of why I have chosen these individuals to represent the beliefs and values of the Kendrick community (max. 500 words):

Rosa Parks, a coloured civil rights activist refused to give up her seat on a segregated bus. This sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott, her act drastically changed the way of life for coloured people in America. I believe that Rosa Parks should be nominated to represent the Kendrick Community, because she made one simple move of saying 'NO' which turned out in a positive way to make a massive difference to how people live. That correlates to our school motto, Lead, Inspire, Make a Difference. All of which Rosa Parks fulfilled by just wanting equality for coloured people.

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character." This quote was from a famous speech of Martin Luther King Jr.'s: I have a dream. He was an African American minister and a civil rights leader. Rosa Parks' move sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott and King was the leader of it. King led other people in their fight for freedom and equality. He made a difference while at it too, all of these qualities define us at Kendrick.

I believe that Katherine Johnson should represent our community. She played a vital role in helping the Americans reach space. Without her Americans would have taken more time to launch people into space. In Hidden Figures, a movie which is all about her life working at NASA, we can see that even when the white people ignore her and disrespect her she still perseveres and provides NASA with much-needed calculations. She, like others, made a difference being one of the very few coloured employees at NASA but helping them achieve their goal.

Mandela was the first Black president of South Africa, this was only in 1994 which is just 26 years ago. He was the first, this means that no other person who was coloured had been

president of that country before. He went out there and *led others* as well as making a *difference and inspiring* others. Those three qualities make up our school motto. Thus, Nelson Mandela should be chosen to represent the Kendrick Community as he has done all three things that we, as Kendrick students strive to do.

Malala Yousafzai was 11 when she started to campaign for education for girls education in Pakistan. She published a diary under a fake name, writing about life under the rule of the Taliban. After being revealed to be the blogger she was targeted by the Taliban. While she was traveling to school on the school bus she was shot. It left her in critical condition. Even after being shot she persevered until girls got a proper education. She won a Nobel Peace Prize. Malala should represent our community as she fought for what she thought was right. She helped campaign for *equality* which is part of our school pledge which defines us and our school Motto.