

Kendrick statue challenge

My five suggested statues are:



Person	One-sentence summary of who they were
Amalie Emmy Noether	In physics, Noether's theorem explains the connection between symmetry and conservation laws.
Rosa Parks	Rosa Parks was jailed for refusing to give up her seat on a public bus to a white man, a violation of the city's racial segregation laws.
Elizabeth Cady Stanton	Elizabeth Cady Stanton was an abolitionist, human rights activist and one of the first leaders of the women's rights movement. She came from a privileged background and decided early in life to fight for equal rights for women.
Martin Luther King Jr	Martin Luther King Jr. was an African American minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968.
Christopher John Reuel Tolkien	He was the son of JRR Tolkien.

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

We should have a statue of Amalie Emmy Noether because she made a very important discovery in theoretical physics but barely anyone knows about her. Her theorem explains the connection between symmetry and conservation laws. It states that 'every symmetry of a physical system has a corresponding conservation law'. Everything that we know about fundamental interactions uses her theorem. An example of her theorem is that the laws of physics do not depend on time, and this is ultimately why we talk about conservation of energy. In a field that outsiders usually perceive as almost entirely dominated by men (Newton, Einstein, Maxwell, Boltzman, Fermi, Feynman) it is time to celebrate the fact that one of the 4 or 5 most important contributions in theoretical physics comes from a woman.

We should have a statue of Rosa Parks because she fought for black rights. Rosa Parks was on a bus and she was told to give a white man her seat but she refused to. She was put in jail because that violated the city's racial segregation laws. This is important because it was part of black rights which is an important part of equality, tolerance and justice which are all in our school pledge. I chose Rosa Parks to represent black rights because she stood up for herself, she knew it was wrong and she acted.

We should have a statue of Elizabeth Cady Stanton because she represents the belief that everyone should be equal. She addressed many issues concerning women including women's parental and custody rights, property rights, employment and income rights and divorce. We should have a statue of her because she was worried about women's rights and did something about it. The reason that I chose her is because she was not only worried about the voting rights but also about other issues concerning women. This goes well with our school pledge that says 'to uphold equality'.

We should have a statue of Martin Luther King Jr because he stood for civil rights. Civil rights is the rights of citizens to political and social freedom and equality which are all tied up with the schools pledge. I chose Martin Luther King Jr and not another civil rights activist because he died while still fighting for this as he was assassinated and even though it is that that caused his death he still stands for it today. This is why we should have a statue of him.

We should also have a statue of Christopher John Reuel Tolkien who was the son of J.R.R.Tolkien. He should be remembered as an outstanding example of filial devotion by spending his whole life collecting, editing and preparing for publication the notes left by his father. He made it possible for us to enjoy, in full, the creative genius of his father. We should have a statue of him because he shows the importance of family, loyalty and patience, without which he would never have managed to do everything.