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Notasulga's Sullen receives Civic Health Award

Macon County Education Association member Breilinda Sullen recently received a Designing Alabama's Civic Health Award in recognition of her contributions to civic health through the emphasis on character education at Macon County's Notasulga High School where she has been principal for five years. Sullen has been in education for 24 years.

Students Adam Ziyad, a recent graduate, and senior Yowseph Ziyad presented posters to Sullen they made as a component of the Civic Health Project coordinated by Auburn University.

The posters are students' responses to the National Conference on Citizenship's Civic Data Challenge, a contest to see what local groups and individuals can do with raw statistical data

posters are digital prints from original handmade works of art, screen-printed on new-from-old created paper. Students crafted the messages, and they all use the county name Macon as a verb.

"Students were proud to present the award to Ms. Sullen," says Dr. Mark Wilson, director of civic learning initiatives for the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University. "The David Mathews Center for Civic Life recently released the Alabama Civic Health Index, and students chose statistics that they thought needed to be shared with others," said Wilson.

With assistance from Mobile Studio artist Dan Neil and AU landscape architecture professor Jocelyn Zanzot, Macon County students turned statistics about civic



Macon County students Adam Ziyad (left) and Yowseph Ziyad recently presented longtime AEA member Breilinda Sullen, principal of Notasulga High School, with a Designing Alabama's Civic Health Award which included posters designed by the students. Adam Ziyad identified Sullen as a contributor to civic health through her emphasis on character education at the school.

Students in Macon County are part of a mentoring program with Auburn University students through the Community and Civic Engagement Initiative in the

According to Wilson, the project is funded in part by the Appalachian Regional Commission, and the work these students do together revolves around workplace