WHD EMPLOYEE RECEIVES THREE AWARDS

Brendan Klein, who works with the Westchester Institute for Human Development (WHD) to expand community service opportunities for young adults with disabilities, has won three awards for his work in the community.

A resident of Pleasantville who has developmental disabilities, Klein was named by the United Way's Emerging Leaders Alliance as one of the winners of its United We Rock awards, honoring community-minded and philanthropic young professionals and college students. He received his award at a ceremony Oct. 24 at Manhattanville College in Purchase. Klein was also recognized by Westfair Communications and will be presented with a Millennial Award on Nov. 21 at Serafina in the Italian Center in Stamford, Connecticut.

For his extraordinary work using social media to provide social opportunities for young people with disabilities, Klein was presented with the Self-Advocacy Association of New York State Media Innovator Award on Oct. 11.

The youngest of four brothers and a cancer survivor, Klein is a graduate of the PUFSD/Pace University Lab School program and was the recipient of the 2013 Overcoming the Odds award from Student Advocacy in Elmsford.