

Royal Valley Students Win International Award

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**(KNZA)--Three Royal Valley Middle School students have won an international award for their documentary bring to light the little-known story about an American nurse who saved the lives of thousands of Armenian orphans.**

**8th graders Colin Caviness, Colin Everts and Luke Boyden were presented Wednesday with certificates and a check for \$7,500 after winning the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes Discovery Award. The three are students in Nate McAlister's history class.**

**Their award-winning documentary called "A Light in the Darkness" is about Emma Darling Cushman, who cared for thousands of Armenian children during and after World War I.**

**In addition to caring for countless orphans, Cushman served as Acting Consul of the Allies and Neutral Nations, overseeing millions of dollars in relief funds and prisoner exchanges.**

**Boyden said "this project didn't just change my life, it changed Emma's life and how she will be remembered."**

**Along with the cash, the students have been given the honor of inscribing Cushman's headstone at the American Cemetery in Cairo, Egypt. Cushman was buried without a headstone after she died of blackwater fever at the age of 66.**

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