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Jeffery Ford (America):

Michigan's House of Representatives honored me for winning the World Genius Directory 2016 Genius of the Year Award for America and I received a Special Tribute signed by Michigan's Governor, Lt. Governor, and my State Representative and State Senator. Being the WGD Genius of the Year for America has helped to open many doors for me including giving a TED Talk, eight public speeches, numerous radio appearances and even being featured on the cover of the July 2016 Mensa World Journal! I've used my celebrity as the World Genius Directory 2016 Genius of the Year Award for America and as a published author to share my uniquely motivational story. I'm autistic. I have Asperger's Syndrome. I've given hope to many people on the Autism Spectrum and to the people who deeply care about them. My message is important because there are people on the autism spectrum who can accomplish absolutely anything ... and I'm living proof!

Aishwarya Trivedi (Asia):

The GOTY 2016 gave me a voice. It made people around me listen to me when it came to social issues like education and awareness of intelligence for human progress. GOTY 2016, isn't for me, it is for the cause I want to raise. In my country, India, girls aren't treated equally as boys are and they aren't allowed to progress and unleash their potential. They themselves aren't aware of what they are capable of because it is the men's world around here. Things are changing in big cities, but the rural population isn't progressing due to their notions and set traditions. An award as the GOTY exemplifies the hidden potential and gives them a fighting chance in the society. When I gave my introduction in WGD, I didn't intend to win it for adding a feather to my cap, it was so I could be heard on the social realm and work for the cause. This is the advice I give to the new winners, because the GOTY isn't a trophy and recognition to boast, it is a bigger responsibility towards your duty in being gifted. Sincerely, Aishwarya.

Tommi Laiho (Europe):

I was chosen to be Genius of the Year 2016 Europe. I am an academic industrial designer from the University of Lapland. My works and inventions as a designer made an impression to the jury of high IQ world and I was given this GOTY 2016 - Europe prize as a recognition. The nomination feels good and it gives me a feeling that my works are not made for nothing after all. As a personality I am quite a day dreamer and I get new ideas for design and also technical innovations from time to time. However I must emphasize that being a high IQ person is not enough in order to gain new works because hard work is also needed whatever innovation you want to do. In general I must also say that certain co-operation skills are also needed in order to go forward in this life. If you want to create something extraordinary just never give up! It is also obvious that certain perseverance is needed in order to become successful in life.