

Celebrating The NPHS Students of The Month

November 2024

Mr. Joseph Krouse, High School Principal
Mrs. Shara Gilchrist-Hamilton, Assistant Principal
Mr. Angel Cora, Assistant Principal
Mr. Carlos Filian, Assistant Principal

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Caring, Appreciation, Respect and Determination

Coach Eatman nominated Mohammad Ahsan for Academic Excellence



Mohammad Ahsan is a remarkable student whose dedication to excellence on and off the field truly sets him apart. As the quarterback for the 2024 NPHS Varsity Football team, Mohammad demonstrated an indomitable "never-give-up" attitude. Coach Eatmen describes him as a "gentle warrior," whose growth and leadership inspired his teammates through every challenge. Mohammad consistently motivated those around him, leading by example with perseverance and a positive spirit.

Academically, Mohammad's achievements are just as extraordinary. With a 5.6 weighted GPA and three AP classes on his schedule, his lowest grade for the first marking period was an impressive A-minus. Already accepted to Villanueva University as a biology major, Mohammad continues to excel in every endeavor. He is also a leader in the school's mentor program, further showcasing his commitment to supporting and uplifting others.

Coach Eatmen's nomination is a testament to Mohammad's well-rounded brilliance. While it may be unconventional for a coach to nominate a student for academic excellence, Mohammad's exceptional high school résumé and his undeniable impact as an athlete and leader make him a truly outstanding candidate.

Mrs. Kittle nominated Erika Castro for Team Player



Erika Castro exemplifies what it means to be a true Team Player. As a dedicated member of the yearbook program for several years, Erika has consistently risen to every challenge with enthusiasm and poise. Mrs. Kittle highlights her exceptional leadership growth, particularly in mentoring others in photography. Erika's commitment to fostering the talents of her peers while ensuring the success of the yearbook program makes her an invaluable asset to the team.

Erika's contributions extend beyond leadership. Her artistic vision and keen eye for detail shine through in her photography, elevating the program's aesthetic quality. She brings both creativity and technical skill, ensuring that every photo tells a compelling story. Whether it's stepping up to take on new responsibilities or guiding her teammates with patience and expertise, Erika's dedication never wavers.

Her passion, reliability, and collaborative spirit set a standard for others to follow. Erika's talent and unwavering commitment make her an exceptional choice for the Student of the Month in the category of Team Player.

Ms. Visintainer nominated **Melissa Rodriguez** for **Valued Ability**



Melissa Rodriguez, a dedicated 10th-grade student in my dance class, exemplifies commitment, creativity, and leadership within the dance department. Her contributions extend far beyond the classroom, showcasing her passion and drive to enhance our program.

Melissa consistently takes the initiative to bring fresh ideas to life, including designing dance apparel and choreographing an original piece with her sister, Jaquelin Rodriguez, and their two younger siblings. She also generously volunteers her time after school, assisting with the Middle School Musical, and serves as a mentor to new members of the dance company. Her ability to inspire and support her peers is a testament to her outstanding character and dedication.

Melissa's enthusiasm and efforts have made a significant impact on our dance community, making her a worthy candidate for this award.

Mr. Burke nominated **Luciana Camila Potillo** for **Canuck Spirit and Core Values**



Luciana Camila Potillo, a 12th-grade student in my Advanced Pathways classroom, exemplifies the essence of Canuck Spirit and our core values of Caring, Appreciation, Respect, and Determination. Her dedication to personal growth, leadership, and community involvement makes her an outstanding nominee in this category.

Luciana has shown tremendous improvement in her social skills, emerging as a confident and capable leader both inside and outside the classroom. As secretary of the Speak Out Club, she plays a pivotal role in the club's success. She manages the club's Instagram account and Google Classroom page with professionalism and creativity, ensuring effective communication and engagement among members.

Her contributions go beyond administrative tasks. Luciana is a consistent presence at meetings and after-school events, demonstrating her commitment to the club's mission. She also serves on the leadership council, where she helps plan and execute events like our Halloween and Thanksgiving celebrations. Her enthusiasm and organizational skills encourage her peers to get involved, fostering a sense of community and school spirit.

Luciana's actions reflect our core values. She cares deeply about her peers, appreciates their contributions, treats everyone with respect, and demonstrates determination in every task she undertakes. Her school pride and positive influence make her a shining example of what it means to be a Canuck.