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CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDENT OF THE MONTH

SAMUEL ITZA

"JROTC HAS TAUGHT ME IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP SKILLS, HELPED ME BUILD IMPORTANT CONNECTIONS, AND PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD OTHERWISE. ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT JROTC IS THE FIELD TRIPS. THESE GIVE ME AND THE CLASS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE USCG IN ALL ASPECTS INCLUDING: AVIATION MECHANICS, STORE KEEPERS, AND GUNNER'S MATES. THE FINAL, AND MY FAVORITE, PART OF JROTC IS THE COMMUNITY. A FAVORITE TRIP WAS TO JLA (JUNIOR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY) IN ELIZABETH CITY NORTH CAROLINA. THIS TRIP OVER THE SUMMER TAUGHT ME HOW TO BECOME A BETTER LEADER BY FOLLOWING. I'VE MET MANY OF MY CLOSEST FRIENDS THROUGH THE PROGRAM, AND IT HAS HELPED ME BUILD BETTER SOCIAL SKILLS." – SAMUEL

SAMUEL IS BEING RECOGNIZED FOR HIS DEDICATION TO CAREER PREPAREDNESS THROUGH CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

- Samuel is a member of the Saraland High School robotics team and scholars bowl team and was also inducted into National Honor Society.

- He participated in the Coast Guard JROTC during its inaugural year last year and has achieved the rank of Cadet Lieutenant.

- Samuel will graduate in 2026. After graduation, he plans to attend college and study graphic design or join the United States Coast Guard.

