

NORTH PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

JANUARY 2026 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Mr. Joseph Krouse, High School Principal

Mrs. Shara Gilchrist-Hamilton, Assistant Principal

Mr. Angel Cora, Assistant Principal

Mr. Carlos Filian, Assistant Principal



Ms. Delli Paoli nominated Zahra Anderson for Team Player

Zahra is the epitome of a student-athlete. As a 9th-grade varsity basketball player, she brings a high level of intensity and a 'team-first' mentality to every Physical Education class session. Zahra is a natural leader who balances a fierce competitive spirit with impeccable sportsmanship. She is outspoken, dependable, and possesses a strong character that influences her peers for the better. With zero discipline infractions and a consistent 100% effort, she has become a foundational member of our class, our Lady Canuck Varsity Basketball team and most importantly, our school community.



Mrs. Kittle nominated Chris Sevilla Torres for Academic Excellence

Chris enrolled in the Rutgers semester course with some initial nervousness about both the content and academic rigor. At the start of the year, he approached me to express his eagerness to begin and his strong desire to succeed. Throughout the course, he worked tirelessly on his essays, never missing a single deadline or homework assignment, and consistently staying ahead of his work.

Chris welcomed feedback and actively applied critiques, revising his assignments until he was proud of the final publications. His dedication and perseverance ensured that he not only met but fully fulfilled the course requirements to the highest standard. He will receive Rutgers credit for this class because of his excellent motivation.



Mrs. Banko nominated Nicholas Martinez Flechas for Canuck Spirit and Core Values

I am honored to nominate 10th-grader Nicholas for Student of the Month in the Canuck Spirit and CARD category. Throughout the semester, Nicholas demonstrated exceptional leadership by voluntarily supporting a multi-lingual classmate who faced a significant language barrier. Without being asked, he took it upon himself to provide consistent translation and peer support, ensuring his classmate remained engaged and confident. This partnership culminated in a remarkable success: both Nicholas and the student he assisted passed their written Knowledge Tests. I could not be more proud of Nicholas's selflessness and his commitment to the success of his peers



Mrs. Kittle nominated Valerie Hernandez for Valued Ability

The yearbook class is a challenging program with many moving parts. Over the past month, Valerie, one of our social media managers, has truly stepped up as a valuable and dependable member of the staff. She has actively sought out additional leadership responsibilities, taken on the role of overseeing key media management tasks, and demonstrated a growing leadership mindset by directing her peers in several areas.

I am proud of the freshmen who are showing initiative within a program filled with talented upperclassmen, and Valerie stands out as one of these emerging leaders. Her reliability, willingness to lead, and confidence in taking responsibility speak strongly to her potential and growth.

