

**Student of the Month: Keegan Lopez**

Keegan Lopez, a junior from West Scranton High School, has been nominated as February Student of the Month by his Plumbing and Heating Instructor, Mr. Oscar Soto. “Keegan is an exceptional student who consistently demonstrates strong leadership skills and a positive attitude toward feedback. He is thorough in completing both practical tasks and theoretical work, showing a commendable willingness to tackle any challenge. Above all, Keegan is a deeply respectful individual who is a pleasure to have in the classroom”, stated Mr. Soto. While in the plumbing program, Keegan has obtained his OSHA 10 and multiple American Ladder safety certifications.



Keegan enjoys playing soccer and holds a part-time job at Dino and Francescos. He is reliable and wears many hats as a prep cook for the first half of the day, then advances to busser/dishwasher. He spends his free time helping the community at Charles Sumner Elementary, where he helps set up for events and parties happening in the gym for the elementary students. He enjoys relaxing when not at school or work and researching what he wants to do in the future. At the CTCLC, Keegan is a Student Ambassador assisting as a tour guide and mentor to future CTC students. “I feel dedicated enough to take the time to understand the career I'm planning on doing so I spend my days seeing what helps my future. Other days I'm at work, working doubles to save up for a future car I plan on getting this year. Recently, I fixed up a toilet for BMT since theirs was leaking and had a few other issues”.

After graduation, Keegan says, “I am sure now more than ever that I want to continue the career I'm doing”. He plans to attend Johnson College and continue in their Plumbing program.

### **Student of the Month: Karla Alonso**

Karla Alonso, a West Scranton HS senior, has been nominated as February Student of the Month by her Medical Assisting Instructor, Mrs. Savo. “ Karla Alonso Gomez is an outstanding student who consistently demonstrates dedication, professionalism, and a strong commitment to her future in healthcare. As a student in the Medical Assisting program at the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County, she maintains excellent academic performance, earning a 90.8 GPA in her home district and a 90 average at CTCLC, while also completing important certifications, including OSHA 10 and Mandated Reporting. In addition to her academic success, Karla is actively involved in school activities, including CTC Student Ambassadors, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Club, the Health Careers Club, and Lady Invader Soccer, demonstrating leadership, teamwork, and school pride.



She also contributes to her community through volunteer work and balances these responsibilities with her employment, demonstrating strong time management and accountability. Karla is a kind, motivated, and hardworking individual who consistently shows compassion toward others and a willingness to learn, making her a deserving candidate for Student of the Month. Karla demonstrates strong involvement in the CTC program through her participation in the Co-op program at Saint Joseph’s Center Trinity, where she works with the pediatric population. Through this experience, she is gaining valuable hands-on exposure to patient care while developing important professional skills such as communication, compassion, and responsibility. Karla represents the Medical Assisting program with professionalism and maturity, and her dedication to learning in a real healthcare environment reflects her strong commitment to pursuing a career in the medical field,” stated Mrs. Savo. While in the program, she has obtained her OSHA10 and Mandated Reporter certifications.

Karla is the daughter of Concepcion Gomez and Jesus Alonso. When asked why she came to CTC, she said “I chose to come to CTC because I wanted hands-on experience in the medical field and to prepare for a career in nursing. My placement at Trinity Medical Daycare has given me real-world experience working with children and observing patient care, which has confirmed my passion for nursing. After graduation, she plans to attend college for Nursing and eventually become a Travel Nurse. After obtaining her Bachelors degree and Nursing certification, she would like to go on and become a Nurse Practitioner.

**Student of the Month: Madilyn Amorine**

Madilyn Amorine, a Scranton HS senior, has been nominated as February Student of the Month by her Protective Services Instructor, Mr. Jonathon Coyne. “Madilyn has been an amazing student who has shown great leadership, teamwork and time management. She had completed her NREMT during her Junior Year in the Protective Services program. She was also one of the first students to create a team for the SkillsUSA NREMT competition. Madi always challenges herself to strive to achieve all of her goals. She works well with her fellow classmates and offers any help when she is in the house. She works with Mr. Czachor to help set up for the fall fundraiser for SkillsUSA while still working on Co-Op,”

stated Mr. Coyne. While in the Protective Services program, Maddie has obtained her NREMT, ICS 100, 200, 700, 800, ASHI First Aid/BLS, AHA First Responder, OSHA 10, Hazwhoper 24 certifications.

Madilyn is the daughter of Toni Amorine. When asked why she chose CTC, she says” I wanted to explore a potential career while in high school, and the Protective Services program allowed me to learn about multiple potential careers simultaneously”. In her spare time, Maddie enjoys cooking and baking, and loves her job as an EMT.

Upon graduation, she intends to apply to Penn Tech for the Paramedic Program for the Fall of 2026.

