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Early Childhood Center at B.P. Mission



EMMA RESTO

Emma Resto is a wonderful and adventurous student who brings so much joy to our classroom each day. She has a bright spirit and a unique way of exploring the world around her. Emma enjoys trying new activities and experiences with curiosity and excitement, and she approaches each part of her day with enthusiasm and confidence.

One of Emma's most special qualities is the kindness and warmth she shows to others. She welcomes her peers with a smile and helps create a caring and inclusive classroom environment where everyone feels valued. Her joyful personality and playful spirit brighten the room and make her a special friend to those around her.

Emma works hard every day on building new skills and growing in her own individual ways. She shows determination, resilience, and a willingness to keep trying, even when tasks can be challenging. She learns with joy, humor, and a wonderful sense of silliness that makes learning fun for everyone around her.

We are so proud of the progress Emma has made and the happiness she brings to our classroom community. Her adventurous nature, kind heart, and strong effort make her truly deserving of being recognized as Student of the Month for April. We are lucky to have Emma in our class and celebrate all the amazing things that make her special. Congratulations, Emma!

Student OF THE MONTH

Winthrop STEM Elementary Magnet School



SEBASTIAN BURNS

We are proud to recognize Sebastian Burns as our 5th Grade Student of the Month for his excellent effort and positive attitude.

Sebastian has been here at Winthrop since kindergarten. He comes to school ready to learn, participates actively in class, and always tries his best, even when work is challenging. He shows kindness and respect toward his classmates and teachers and is a great example of responsibility and teamwork. His hard work and good character make him a deserving recipient of this award—keep up the great work!

We are so proud to celebrate Sebastian Burns as our Winthrop STEM Elementary Magnet School Student of the Month!

Student OF THE MONTH

Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School

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Arts Magnet School



LANDON HARDISON

For the month of April, the 4th grade team and Mr. Burns (PE) have selected Landon Hardison to be the Student of the Month. Throughout his 4th grade year, Landon has consistently shined as a leader. But it is how he leads that is truly special. Landon leads with kindness, always cheering on his friends and eagerly welcoming new classmates with a warm hello and an invitation to play. He leads with joy, his excitement for learning contagious in each activity. He leads with authenticity, showing up each day, confident and staying true to himself, and in doing so, encourages others to do the same. His leadership, in all of its forms, has made Grade 4 a kinder and stronger community. We are so proud to recognize Landon as our student of the month!

Student
OF THE MONTH

C.B. Jennings International Elementary Magnet School



SOPHIA ANGELIE RESTO

Sophia is a dedicated and enthusiastic learner who consistently demonstrates a strong commitment to her academic growth. She approaches every task with a positive attitude and shows perseverance, even when faced with challenges. Sophia's is also a kind and respectful classmate who supports her peers and contributes to a welcoming classroom environment. Her hard work and excellent character make her a wonderful choice for a student of the month. Congratulations!

Student OF THE MONTH

Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus



ALANIS LORENZO PEREZ

Alanis Lorenzo Perez is an outstanding eighth-grade student and a truly deserving Student of the Month at Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus. Alanis brings a vibrant, uplifting presence to our school community. She is kind, helpful, and full of positive energy, with a natural sense of humor that brightens the day of those around her. Alanis is the kind of student who goes above and beyond without being asked. She is a dedicated and hardworking learner who consistently earns excellent grades while also giving her time to support others. As a peer mentor, she serves as a strong role model, always ready to guide and encourage her classmates. Her leadership extends even further through her ability to support multilingual learners. Alanis regularly helps translate for students who need assistance, ensuring that everyone feels understood and included. She also contributes to the school community by volunteering for morning announcements, proudly delivering them in Spanish. In addition, she participates in Project Inspire, an art-based initiative, where she expresses creativity while contributing to the school community. What truly sets Alanis apart is her spirit. She brings enthusiasm, compassion, and positivity into every space she enters. She lifts others up, leads by example, and helps create a welcoming and supportive environment for all. Alanis Lorenzo Perez is a shining example of what it means to be a positive peer leader, and we are proud to recognize her as our Student of the Month.

Student OF THE MONTH

New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus



WINIBER GRULLON

Winiber Grullon is an outstanding member of our school community who consistently demonstrates dedication, responsibility, and a positive attitude toward learning. As a junior, she passed the AP Spanish Language exam with the maximum score of 5 and is currently earning an A+ in AP Spanish Literature. She will graduate with the Seal of Biliteracy this spring. As an exited multilingual learner and honor roll student throughout her high school career, Winiber exemplifies perseverance and academic excellence. Beyond the classroom, she is an active member of the volleyball and tennis teams and can be seen around the school volunteering her time and knowledge in various projects. For example, she is currently collaborating with a Connecticut College student to capture and share the experiences of our multilingual learners. Kind and always willing to help others, she is a truly valued member of our Whaler family. This fall, she will attend Connecticut College, and we are confident she will continue to thrive and inspire others.

Student OF THE MONTH

New London Adult & Continuing Education



ALEXIS NICOLE MUÑOZ

Alexis Nicole Muñoz is an outstanding graduate of the Spanish GED program. Born in Peru, she developed a love for science at a young age through watching documentaries and constantly questioning how the world works.

In her home country, she studied as much as she could, but her path has not been easy. She has worked hard, faced many obstacles, and had to start over after arriving in the United States, often feeling that her past achievements were not recognized.

Despite these challenges, she never stopped believing in herself and saw education as her most powerful tool to move forward. Earning her GED was more than an academic goal—it was a personal commitment to keep progressing.

She now hopes to continue her studies and pursue a career in nuclear medicine, using science to help others and prove that no matter where you come from, it is always possible to keep growing.

Special Recognitions!
CABE Student Leadership Awards!

Congratulations to the following students for being awarded a 2026 CABE Student Leadership Award!!

BDJMMMSC Recipients:

Ryanna Realpe Ruiz

Bryan Vega Castillo

NLHSMMC Recipients:

Kenneth Willoughby

Mez Boyd

Special Recognition!

New London Public Schools has been awarded a 2025 Bonnie B. Carney Award of Excellence for Educational Communications from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) for the

NLPS Adopted Budget Book SY25-26!!