



NORTH PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 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

MRS. BICKSLER NOMINATED MIA HERNANDEZ FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

From the start of the school year, Mia has established herself as a standout student in the Rutgers Health course through her outstanding academic performance and passion for learning. She possesses a rare combination of intellectual curiosity and disciplined work ethic, consistently contributing thoughtful insights to class discussions and completing all coursework with remarkable diligence. Mia does not settle for basic mastery; she proactively pushes her own boundaries to fully comprehend and apply advanced health concepts. Holding an impressive 102% grade point average, she reflects a level of motivation, maturity, and personal responsibility that inspires those around her. Mia takes immense pride in her academic journey, consistently exemplifying what it means to be a dedicated, reflective, and top-tier learner. It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend her for the Academic Excellence in SOTM award.



MR. MILLER AND COACH NOMINATED SOFIA CAPODIFERRO FOR TEAM PLAYER

Sophia represents the true meaning of being a student-athlete. In addition to her commitment and success on the volleyball court, she consistently performs at a high level in the classroom. Her dedication to academics demonstrates the importance she places on being successful both as a student and as an athlete. Sophia understands that athletic participation is an extension of the educational experience and that success in athletics begins with accountability, discipline, time management, and a commitment to excellence in the classroom.

As a senior leader, Sophia leads by example through her work ethic, positive attitude, and commitment to her teammates. She consistently demonstrates sportsmanship, responsibility, and perseverance while representing North Plainfield High School Girls Volleyball with pride. Her ability to balance the demands of academics and athletics serves as an excellent example for her fellow student-athletes.

North Plainfield High School believes that academics and athletics go hand in hand, and Sophia embodies this philosophy. Her accomplishments in the classroom, combined with her dedication to volleyball and her leadership within the program, make her a deserving recipient of this recognition.

Congratulations, Sophia! Thank you for demonstrating that being a student always comes first.



MS. CRESPO NOMINATED STARR'LYNN ORTIZ FOR VALUED ABILITY

Although school just started, Starr'Lynn has already shown herself to be an incredibly kind, helpful, and dependable member of our school community. Whenever she stops by my office and sees me working on a project, she is always willing to jump in and offer a helping hand with anything I may need. She does so with a positive attitude and never hesitates to make herself useful. During Picture Day, she stepped up to help the main office organize student tickets, taking the time to assist simply because she saw that help was needed. For a freshman who is still adjusting to a new school environment, I think it speaks volumes that she is already looking for ways to contribute and support the people around her. Her willingness to help, positive attitude, and kindness toward others have stood out to me in such a short amount of time.



MS. FALLUCCA NOMINATED OLIVIER SCHLOESSER FOR CANUCK SPIRIT AND CORE VALUES

Olivier was the 1st senior on my caseload to reach out about applying to college. He comes to see me almost every lunch period just to work on his college applications and ask questions. I'm really proud of his motivation and the initiative to start the process without being told to do so! I love that he will try to do something on his own first, then see me for reassurance. He is a true Canuck, he cares about his future, appreciates the time I am able to give him, respects my role to help guide him, and is determined to be successful in high school and beyond! I think he is a great role model for other students to look up to.

