



Student of the Month

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Christa McAuliffe Middle School



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Addison Alcott, 6th Grade



Addison is such a wonderful student both in and out of the classroom! She is kind, hardworking, and a true leader. I have seen Addison exhibit the pillar of respect when she is working with classmates on different activities in our class. As well as, on the field hockey field! She works to help those who may need it and always does so with a smile on her face! It has been such a pleasure getting to know her and watch her be an awesome role model to her peers. - Ms. Breccia

Angelina Bell, 6th Grade



Angelina has made a nice transition to middle school. She is a pleasure to have in science class. We can always depend on Angelina to help her classmates, give a helping hand whenever needed, and be understanding of others. Angelina exemplifies the characteristic of caring each day. We are grateful to have Angelina in class. - Ms. DeLucia & Ms. Gagliardi

Daniella Cantuna, 6th Grade



It was difficult for me to choose just one Pillar of Character to nominate Daniella for Student of the Month because she is responsible, caring, and trustworthy. I ultimately settled on caring because she shows a lot of compassion toward her classmates. Daniella is always willing to help someone if they are having difficulty understanding instruction and they are too shy to ask me for help. She assisted a student who was learning the English language by explaining what she needed to do. I have never witnessed Daniella being upset with anyone or not being kind. She has the empathy we hope more students grow to obtain. I am so proud to teach such a kind and graceful young lady! - Ms. Halligan

Ryan Clark, Grade 6



After only a few weeks of school, Ryan has stood out as a leader and all around great student. Without being asked, he helps other students in need and tries to make them feel included. He is friendly, respectful and has a positive attitude. He leads the class in warm up and stretching, follows directions and excels at all of our class activities.- Ms. Nieduzak

Ethan Cox, 6th Grade



In addition to being a respectful student, Ethan is high achieving and motivated. He is always trying to do his best. He looks out for other students that may need help on a daily basis. Ethan is a leader who focuses on doing what is right. We are lucky to have him here at McAuliffe! - Mrs. Casanovas

Juliana Isernia, 6th Grade



Jules always does her best in Spanish. She is self disciplined in the class and does all her work. Jules is constantly participating in the lesson. Jules comes to class every day with a positive attitude & is a hard worker. She is accountable for her words & actions.

I look forward to her daily smile & happy demeanor in my Spanish class.

-Mrs. Gittler

Jesus Lopez, Grade 6



Jesus is an amazing student with a kind and caring heart. He comes to class everyday with a smile and is ready to get to work. Jesus is always the first one to offer help to both his teacher and his classmates, and loves to participate in daily activities. He is an all around amazing young man! Jesus, it is a true pleasure to be your teacher and I am happy that I get the chance to learn with you this year! Keep up the great work!!

-Mrs. Schultz

Lucia LaBianca, 6th Grade



My choice came very easily when it came to choosing a student for Student of the Month. Lucia is a student that stood out. She is a caring student in the Science classroom. She is kind, polite, and compassionate. She comes to class with a positive attitude, collaborates well with others, and tries her best. LuLu continues to be a pleasure to have in class. While I am proud to be her teacher, she should be proud of her continued success in the Science classroom. Great job LuLu!

-Ms. DeLucia

Imer Melo-Nicholas, 6th Grade



Imer has been a role model for our den. He was willing to take on more events for Fall Fun Day than others to fill in the empty spots. Imer shows school spirit and enthusiasm for all of the challenges our den is given. Keep up the positive attitude! - Mrs. Higgins

Naydeli Rivadeneyra Mendoza, Grade 6



Naydeli is an excellent example of what it means to be a responsible student. Naydeli works hard every day in Read 180 and takes accountability for her learning. Naydeli is always ready at the beginning of class and has all of her materials when needed. Naydeli is learning to speak English, so she completes her work in Spanish and translates it into English to better help her learn. Naydeli is a bit shy, but as of late, Naydeli is opening up and joining in on the fun with her peers. Naydeli is a true pleasure to have in class and I am very proud of her work ethic and responsibility that she assumes in class. I cannot wait to see all of the amazing things that Naydeli does this year!

-Mr. Bradley

Luciana Rocha Jimenez, Grade 6



Luciana has done an amazing job moving from elementary school to middle school. She has adapted extremely well. Also, she has been very caring to her classmates who need directions reworded in Spanish. Thank you for all your hard work. -Mr. Perrine

Harry Smith, Grade 6



Harry is a ray of sunshine who illuminates our class with his intelligence, dry sense of humor and vibrant personality! Harry exemplifies all the pillars of character but most especially the pillar of responsibility. Regardless of his circumstances, Harry perseveres, participates in class activities, and tries his best each day. I am fortunate to be able to teach and get to know Harry this year!

-Mrs. Kochis

Shaylin Steven, Grade 6



Shaylin is an exceptional student. She is kind and respectful of both teachers and classmates. Shaylin is always prepared to learn and actively participates in all classroom discussions. She takes pride in her academics and is a pleasure to have in class. This makes her a very positive role model and an excellent choice for Student of the Month. - Mr. Brown

Allison Velasco, Grade 6



Allison demonstrates accountability in her studies. Allison's honesty is admirable along with her determination. She places strong value on her education. Our class is fortunate to have a student that can be counted on and will stand up and support others.

-Mr. Clarke

Vincent Zolla, Grade 6



Vincent has such a big heart! Selfless, caring, and hardworking are just a few ways to describe what a great student he is. Vincent consistently puts the best interest of others ahead his own. He is a friend to all and offers a helping hand to any student or teacher in need. He is a true asset to his classmates and teammate to all. -Mr. Villecco

Jennifer Galeana, 7th Grade



Jennifer came into 7th grade with such a sense of ownership to her new role as a returning student to the McAuliffe Middle School. Not only has her confidence and independence blossomed, but she even took on the role of a student mentor by showing the new students the way things worked throughout our school day. She has blossomed into an independent, helpful and responsible young lady. She is a wonderful role model to her peers.

-Mrs. Hamman

Bianca Kosarín, 7th Grade



Bianca is a wonderful person and an amazing student. I've been thinking of nominating Bianca for SOTM since last spring when she had the courage to stand and speak in front of her class during an assembly. The assembly speaker asked her to speak about when she went through a difficult time in her life and Bianca described how her she was able to cope when a loved one died. This moment is a perfect display of how Bianca is naturally able to model empathy, perseverance, and a positive mindset. Bianca has continued this year to be a role model and kind peer to all students by simply being herself. Thank you Bianca and keep up the great work! - Ms. O'Brien

Breanna Kosarin, 7th Grade



I am nominating Breanna for student of the month due to her responsibility Pillar of Character. Breanna is pleasure to have in class and is a student I can count on. Breanna's effect in class is outstanding and always completes her work on time. I wish Breanna a happy and successful 7th grade year.

-Mr. Doherty

Jaden McLean, Grade 7



Jaden is a fabulous, hard working student for both science and communications class. He represents the pillar of Responsibility by trying his best, thinking before he acts, and being accountable for his words, actions, and attitude. Jaden is polite, helpful, determined, and friendly. It is a pleasure to have Jaden in not one, but two classes!

-Ms. Nickerson

Rylie Vashey, 7th Grade



Rylie always arrives to class with a smile, she is dependable and trustworthy. She has volunteered to be my Homeroom secretary, and is extremely reliable and helps get the day off to a great start. I am very happy to make Rylie my Student of the Month! -Ms. Schultz

Josie Wolfe, Grade 7



It is hard to narrow down 1 trait for Josie, but if I had to pick, it would be responsibility. She is constantly on task in class and is more than willing to help others when they are having trouble with lessons or materials. Josie leads by example both in the classroom with her confidence in herself and the quality of her work, and helping run a stage crew during our Drama Club productions! In my opinion, Josie is a great example of what the Responsibility Pillar stands for and I know great things await her in the future!

-Mr. Gliatta

Liam Zeek, Grade 7



Liam is a wonderful student. He is always eager to learn and perseveres in Math. He is kind and respectful of his peers and teachers. Liam is the quintessential example of RESPECT because he has a genuine heart for others. I can count on Liam to do the right thing, even when no one is looking.

-Mrs. Svoboda

Mia Alia, Grade 8



Mia is a kind responsible student who is ALWAYS available to others. Whether it be assisting the teacher, helping another student or volunteering for activities, she is a pleasure to have in class. Her positivity is infectious and enables her to get along with everyone. We truly are fortunate to have a wonderful student like Mia in our Science class.

-Mr. Monahan & Ms. Terranova

Alexis Assuntino, Grade 8



Alexis is such a kind, enthusiastic, and hard-working student who sets a wonderful example for her peers.

-Mr. Pratt

Jayla Bletcher, Grade 8



Jayla is an outstanding student. Responsible and conscientious, Jayla is always paying attention in class and always willing to participate. She can be counted on to do the right thing, whether it's leading a class group, helping others, or giving her best effort. Jayla has a bright future and is a joy to have in my class! I am very proud of her!

-Ms. Conley

Jayla is the perfect example of a student who wants to understand everything she is doing. Jayla regardless of the topic is always trying to engage in an educational conversation with me and her peers to discuss what we are learning. She holds herself accountable when it comes to doing her work and is always true to her word.

-Mr. Tammaro

Nick Carlin, Grade 8



Nick continually shows exemplary character through his compassion, honesty, trustworthiness, optimism, and loyalty in creating a positive school environment. We can always count on him to answer the tough questions, participate in class, and be a role model for his peers. Not only is Nick an exceptional student, he is self motivated and a leader in our class.

-Mrs. Parlow & Mrs. Hesnan

Soidy García Perez, Grade 8



The Pillar of Character I nominated Soidy for was responsibility. From the very first day of school, Soidy has tried her best with new reading and writing skills. She focuses for the entire class period, asks questions to clarify new information, and participates during class discussions. One thing I really like about Soidy is how self-disciplined she is. She really wants to learn and take in as much information as possible, so that she can be an even better writer and maybe write a book of her own someday. I am incredibly proud of how hard Soidy works in class, and I cannot wait to continue to watch her grow as a student. Keep up the good work, Soidy!

-Ms. Chinery

Joscelyn Gomez Banos, Grade 8



Joscelyn has demonstrated the Pillar of Character of Responsibility in many ways. She shows responsibility not only academically but behaviorally as well. She is always on task and working diligently. Joscelyn consistently puts forth her best effort during class. She has been doing a great job so far this year and I know she will continue to succeed!

-Mrs. Clauburg

Erin Hochron, Grade 8



Erin is a great student! This is my second year teaching her and she is always the first to help set up our activity and eager to participate. Erin's willingness to compromise, her compassion and positive energy are worthy attributes for Student of the Month nomination. I am proud to put her up for this award and it is well deserved.

-Mr. Totten

Jay-Z Ramírez Flores, Grade 8



It is with great pleasure that we nominate Jay-Z for Student of the Month for September! Jay-Z is an exceptional young man who goes above and beyond in every facet of our class. He works hard, he tries hard, he is one of our strongest participants in class every day, and most importantly, he has a charismatic personality. He is a role model in every sense. Kind, respectful, trustworthy and reliable are just a few ways we could describe his character. He is always willing to help classmates and his teachers. He is a pleasure to have in class and to know. Keep up the good work, Jay-Z!

-Mrs. Hesnan & Mrs. Parlow

Donovan Mlodgenski, Grade 8



I have had the pleasure of teaching Donovan for two years now. He has such a pleasant demeanor. I have watched him handle situations where tensions were rising with peace and grace. He truly is such a good soul who is so considerate of everyone he comes in contact with.

-Mrs. DeMaio

Maksym-Mykhailo Ostrovskyi, Grade 8



Maks is a responsible young man who puts others before himself. He is a very talented artist and enjoys creating along with his classmates. I am very proud of him for being a good role model for other students to look up to.

-Mrs. Murphy

Lucas Pizzo, Grade 8



Lucas is a shining star in Pre Algebra class. He is a respectful, polite young man who works well with his classmates. Lucas listens attentively in class, he follows directions, and he completes his assignments with great effort. I have enjoyed watching Lucas grow as a learner and I look forward to teaching him this school year.

-Mrs. Connor

Steven Strodel, Grade 8



Steven made the decision to really push himself this year by skipping a math level so he could be in Algebra 1 as an 8th grader. He knew that meant he had a lot of extra preparation to be ready for the class and he did so very successfully. Steven is currently one of the top scoring students in our class and he consistently does well on all assignments and tests. I am extremely impressed with his dedication and perseverance to do well in our class. Congratulations and keep up the great work! - Mrs. Buonocore