

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Be the change

Lauren Mock, class of 2021

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There are some students who stand out from the crowd. Whether it's helping peers understand a subject, always being friendly, or answering questions in class, these students have something that is admired by their fellow peers and everyone else around them. It could be their integrity, helpfulness, kindness, attentiveness, respect, or compassion, to name a few. These are some of the traits that set the Students of the Month apart from others.

The Student of the Month is new to the junior high this year, and it acts as a way to recognize those students that have gone above and beyond each in their own ways. "I always try to do the right thing and I'm not afraid to be the only one," said freshman Kallie Williams, who was named Student of the Month for Integrity.

Each student chosen was given a list of rewards to choose from. Seventh grade Student of the Month Saul Santiago chose to have lunch with the principal, and Williams chose a \$5 gift card to Santos. "It's nice to be rewarded for doing good, but the prize shouldn't matter," Williams. "If you want to be recognized as Student of the Month, always be nice to students and teachers and don't be afraid to speak up in class."

By setting examples of leadership, hard work, responsibility, maturity, helpfulness, and kindness, these students are helping to create a better learning environment for everyone else in and outside of class as well. When these qualities are recognized, better relationships and interactions between peers are established.

"It's important to show that you can be a good leader and you're not following what everyone else does, and it also sets a good example to the other students. It spurs leadership in others because they will see and



Freshmen Students of the Month Kallie Williams and David Assad display their great work ethic in TSA.

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admire the way you handle your work," said Williams.

These character traits are not only important here in high school, but they will be great assets to students in their future endeavors. "When being interviewed for a job or school, I will show my character by paying attention to everything thing that is said, and not lie to make myself seem better than I really am," said Santiago.

The more students who strive to be the best they can be, the better people they will be, and the better of a place our schools will be. ♦

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