



CLASS OF 2017 CRUSADER OF THE MONTH

Ezekiel Alexander Jacobs

MONTH HONORED: March 2017

Zeke Jacobs was selected by Mr. Mike Holt

My selection for Student of the Month is Zeke Jacobs. It is not difficult to see that Zeke demonstrates our core principles of character, compassion, and commitment. He sets the bar high for the rest of the school to follow. Zeke is a hard worker and seems to always choose the high road in all that he does. He is a great student academically, being a member of the National Honor Society, as well as taking the most rigorous courses we have to offer including AP Chemistry, Physics, and Anatomy while maintaining a 3.92 GPA.

Zeke is a true leader! He has been involved in student council for the last two years, and he currently serves as the senior class president. A good leader is one who is willing to lead by example and takes on the difficult, inconspicuous tasks when no one else will.

With the many responsibilities an MCC student has from academics, extracurricular, and social relationships, Zeke has found time to participate in soccer and track for four years and has been a member of the wrestling team for one year. He has also been a tech member in the spring musical for the last three years. In addition to all of this, Zeke has still found time to volunteer with No More Sidelines and as a coach for the Youth Sailors Soccer program.

Zeke is a genuinely good person who cares for his fellow students as can be seen by the relationships he has formed with his classmates. He is well-liked by his teachers; he is very respectful and participates eagerly and readily in class. Zeke has the ability to effectively explain his point of view on a variety of topics while demonstrating compassion to those with differing opinions, which is a great quality to have as it will get him far in life. I have watched him have conversations about politics and religion with fellow classmates where he demonstrated these qualities. This is probably one of the reasons why he is so well-liked by his peers.

Zeke also is a deep thinker in the area of math and science. Science is one of those subjects which forces you to think about things on a deeper level, and I can see that Zeke enjoys this challenge. At this point he is considering studying pharmacy at the University of Wisconsin with hopes of owning his own business. This is a tall and challenging dream, but if anyone in the Class of 2017 is capable of achieving this, then I believe that it will be Zeke.

Zeke is the son of Jeff and Shelley Jacobs and he is a parishioner of St. Mary Parish in Muskegon.



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Colleen Kathryn Murphy

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Colleen Murphy was selected by Mrs. Laura Ogren

I have the distinct pleasure of nominating Colleen Murphy as student of the month for April. I have known Colleen since I came to MCC during her freshman year. My first encounter with her was actually before I knew she existed because her twin sister Kaycie was in my choir class and I had never met or known about Colleen. One day the girls pretended to be each other, and as I began class and we went through our warm-up procedure, "Kaycie" walked over to the door and the real Kaycie burst in and the two twins stood there in front of me, as I looked at both of them, dumbfounded that there were two! Colleen said "I am Kaycie's twin, Colleen!" From then on, I have loved getting to know this kind-hearted and sweet girl with a great sense of humor!

Colleen has always been a hard worker and a great leader in my class. When I have a guest teacher in my class, Colleen is always willing to step up and lead anything I leave for her. When other students are not too excited about getting work done, she encourages them, and of course she always humors me and laughs at my corny jokes. :) Colleen has been in choir all four years of her high school career and has really grown as a singer and as a young woman. Her level of confidence in herself has also greatly improved. In addition, she occasionally babysits my kids and is great with them! She has a very positive attitude and has a smile on her face and a cheerful greeting when she sees teachers and other students. She goes out of her way to let everyone know that she genuinely cares about them.

Colleen keeps herself busy and is very well-rounded. In addition to singing in choir, she has been on stage in the spring musical for four years, played on the varsity girls' soccer team for four years, and ran cross country for one year. She helps with food drives and dinners at St. Catherine Parish in Ravenna, where she is a parishioner. In her spare time, she likes to hang out with her friends and family, watch "Shameless," and play with her dog, Buddy.

After high school, Colleen would like to start out at Muskegon Community College and then transfer to either Ferris State or Western Michigan University where she will major in psychology and minor in special education and theatre studies.

Colleen is the daughter of Kevin and Mary Ellen Murphy.