

CITY OF FRUITA'S STUDENT OF THE MONTH

FOR MARCH, 2024:

CLARK JONES

To be a good leader, one who others follow, is usually someone who stands at the front of the pack. They are the outgoing people who happily tell others what to do, who boldly walk down the path first, and who loudly explore new ideas and concepts. People with these characteristics are often good leaders and are easy to recognize. But, much like the eye of a storm, the real power is not in those who stand out but is actually in those who prefer to hang back, stand in the back of the group, and quietly listen to others first before ever jumping into the fray.

The quietest human beings are the most effective leaders even though, by their very nature, they are often overlooked. Philosopher Lao Tzu once said, "A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves."

Mr. Clark Jones is such a person. His high GPA average attests to his high academic abilities, including taking all honors and AP courses. His dedication to the school's knowledge bowl team demonstrates his commitment to the pursuit of knowledge for the sake of knowledge.

But it is his quiet voice in moments of discussion that his leadership shines. When Clark speaks, others listen. When Clark writes, others engage in reading. Clark is going to do amazing things for this world, in the quietest ways possible, and the entire Fruita 8/9 staff will have been made better for having taught him.

In his own words he once said, "We need to build community if we want to break out of [our current] mindset and build a better, more hopeful, utopian society for the future of humanity." And that is how we witness the beginning of tomorrow's greatest leaders.

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CITY OF FRUITA'S TEACHER OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH, 2024:

JANELLE BEACH

Certain individuals stand out in education for their extraordinary commitment, passion, and effectiveness in shaping young minds. Mrs. Beach is one such individual, and her recognition as Teacher of the Month is a testament to her outstanding contributions to her student's academic and athletic development.

Mrs. Beach's enthusiasm for mathematics is infectious. Her passion creates an engaging and dynamic learning environment, inspiring her students to appreciate the beauty of the subject. Her incorporation of real-world examples fosters a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts.

Mrs. Beach places her students at the center of the learning experience. She takes the time to understand each student's strengths, weaknesses, and individual learning needs, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to thrive.

Mrs. Beach goes above and beyond to support her students' success. Whether through personalized feedback or creating a positive and encouraging classroom atmosphere, she is committed to seeing each student reach their full potential.

Mrs. Beach extends her dedication beyond the classroom as a coach for both the volleyball and basketball teams. Her leadership and team-building skills have led to success on the court and imparted valuable life lessons to her players.

Mrs. Beach's recognition as Teacher of the Month is a well-deserved honor. Her exceptional qualities as a mathematics teacher, combined with her coaching contributions in volleyball and basketball, highlight her commitment to the holistic development of her students. Mrs. Beach's impact reaches far beyond the classroom, leaving a lasting mark on the hearts and minds of those she teaches and coaches.

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