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JTHS GOOD NEWS *April 2025*

March Students of the Month –

Art –	Alexis Deloreto
Business –	Scott Jiang
English –	Anthony DiPalma
Health/PE -	Chase Solovay
Mathematics –	Antonio Gigante
Music –	Edward Orna
Science –	Claudia Kaminski
Social Studies –	Chriss Castle
Technology –	James “JJ” Loesch
Video Production –	Hannah Squires
World Language –	Luke Witter

FALCON PRIDE Student Recognition Award for March –

Recipients: SCARLETT MELICK, CHRISTOPHER FILIPPELLI, NOAH MEDNICK

All three of these students are seniors and leaders within the school community. Whether it is spreading positivity, or guiding their younger peers, Scarlett, Noah, and Chris have certainly left their marks and legacy on campus!

Christopher has grown into a leader around the building and within the baseball program, while also helping out Mr. Kazanfer in the Video Production Department. According to Mr. K, "Chris Filippelli demonstrates competence in many areas and has the ability to perform a wide range of both technical and creative tasks. He establishes clear goals and objectives that are achievable, and his leadership skills have helped him create various productions for the good of the community."

In addition to being a leader on the volleyball team, Scarlett is always a source of positivity for others around the building. According to Mrs. Schwimer, "Scarlett consistently brings an infectious enthusiasm to the classroom. She approaches every activity with a positive attitude and is always ready to volunteer to perform. She supports her classmates by being an encouraging audience member. Scarlett's competitive spirit elevates Drama games by bringing an exciting level of energy to

the group. Her compassionate nature ensures that everyone feels included, making sure no one is left out when forming groups for scene work."

Noah has emerged as a leader to his peers around the building and also within the baseball program. He consistently strives to always put forth his best effort, and truly leads by example in and out of the classroom. According to Mrs. Daken, "Noah has emerged as an incredible role model. I have seen him step up multiple times in classes to remind his classmates about behaving appropriately."

Congratulations to Scarlett, Noah, and Christopher for your contributions to the school and community!



~ Mr. Lonie ~

STEP Program –

As part of our district's reconfiguration of the STEP Program (18-21) this year, we have received three visits from various districts interested in modeling our program due to the comprehensive services and opportunities we provide to our young adults. This year, our STEP Program has placed a greater emphasis on becoming more community-based, a shift that was highlighted during both local and state transition meetings. Additionally, our program was recently recognized by Bill Freeman, the NJ Department of Education's State Coordinator of Secondary Transition, for its innovative approach and student impact.

~ Mrs. N. Jahn ~

Congratulations Kiley Shatzel –



The “Pass It Along” Organization named one of Jefferson Township’s own as Scholar Athlete this year. Kiley Shatzel was honored for her academic, athletic and community service excellence! Way to go Kiley!

JTHS Band and Choir visit White Rock and Stanlick Schools –



A big thank you to our High School music teachers Mr. Gugger and Mr. Flynn and their amazing student musicians for putting this trip together again - it's always an inspiration for our students and it's so important for our younger students to hear what they have to look forward to.

FBLA –

Our chapter of FBLA is proud to announce the following results from this year's 2025 State Leadership Conference:

- Krish Malayiva made top 10 in the Personal Finance objective test
- Izzy Waslewski and Kenrick Kleid made top 10 in the Hospitality & Event Management role play event
- Alina Greiner made top 10 in the FBLA Scrapbook competition



~ Mrs. Iliff ~

Congratulations to our Hockey Team –

2024-2025 KJS Public Co-Op State Champions!



The Little Mermaid –

Congratulations to the Cast, Crew, and Pit of JTHS's production of The Little Mermaid!! We are so proud of all of you. You all put on an amazing show!! It was a smash hit with record setting crowds. We greatly appreciate everyone's support who came out to see it. This production was months and months of hard work and countless hours of rehearsing to get to our finished product. Thank you to our director Mr. Von Essen, our set designer Mrs. Mary-Ann Cantwell, and our choreographer Mrs. Gray. A special shout out to all of the Jefferson Tech guys for helping us with fixing and rehangng our broken light fixtures. We are already busy planning for next year! Thanks again!



The Game of Life –

On Friday, April 4, with collaboration from Mrs. Vesia, Mr. Lonie, and Deirdre's House all high school students participated in "The Game of Life". The Game of Life was a unique way for our students to familiarize themselves with the array of services offered throughout Morris County. Providers from the county set up tables in our gymnasium. Each provider provided scenarios that related to their services. Students had a "passport" that included all provider names. They then were given scenarios and had to move throughout the "game" to locate the best provider for that scenario. Even if a student went to a provider that was not able to help with that specific scenario, they were able to inform the students about what scenarios they could help with and assisted them locate the correct provider. Once that scenario was complete, they received another scenario and continued this until their "passport" was complete and/or the block ended. The scenarios the students were provided outlined various challenges that adolescents and/or family often face. Challenges included family and peer issues, education, utilities, food instability, counseling, positive social outlets, homelessness, transportation difficulties, and many more. Students learned that there is no wrong place to go when reaching out for help.



~ Mrs. Vesia ~

*Congratulations to Kendall
Machak, our Athletic Trainer,
who was married on March 15.
We wish you all the Best!*

