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JTHS GOOD NEWS

May 2025

April Students of the Month –

Art –	Gavin Breiten
Business –	Madelyn Galicia
English –	Maria Santos de la Cruz
Health/PE -	Logan Fitzsimmons
Mathematics –	Fiona Gill
Music –	Nathaniel Lambiaso
Science –	Ava Friedman
Social Studies –	Jake Stahl
Technology –	Brody Keuerleber
Video Production –	Olivia Gugliotta
World Language –	Gannah Alateek

FALCON PRIDE Student Recognition Award for April –

Recipients: GANNAH ALATEEK AND JEREMY SAN LUCAS

Both Gannah & Jeremy have demonstrated strong character, leadership, and participation in the school community over the past month, and have been recognized by staff members for their accomplishments!

Nominated by Ms. Seifried, Jeremy took on a leadership role in helping to plan and coordinate for Robotics competitions this spring. According to Ms. Seifried, "Jeremy has taken the initiative to pack for our robotics competitions. He jumps in and does a perfect job. He's humble and takes on any job because he's a true team player."

Nominated by Ms. Gray, Gannah has been a support for her classmates throughout the school year. According to Ms. Gray, "Since the beginning of the year, in homeroom, she has been consistently positive and supportive of other students' achievements, being the first to cheer and praise, then the other students follow her positive lead. Additionally, she participates in every advisory--she showed

that she is helpful to teachers when she cheerfully and boldly read the oath of kindness with me during freshman advisory. The other students look to her and follow her positive leadership."

Both students will receive custom t-shirts, certificates, and a gift card to a local business in the community. Please congratulate both students when you see them!



Annual Congressional Art Competition –

Zack Jackson had his work selected for Congresswoman Sherrill's Annual Congressional Art Competition. The awards ceremony/reception is held on Wednesday, May 7 at Montclair State University.



~ Mrs. Canales ~

Congratulations –

Havana Lopez Sosa committed to Eastern University. Havana is the first-ever JTHS flag football player to play flag football in college, quite a milestone.

~ Mr. Thompson ~

Architecture –

"Ines Nedeska and London Long collaborated on an architecture project and won First Place in the High School Category for the AIA New Jersey 2025 K-12 Challenge: Future Home 2150.

Three entries were selected for First Place Awards from over 110 entries submitted in the high school category from across the state of New Jersey. "

~ Mr. Nicholas ~

Roxxem Music Tournament –

Roxxem is a learning platform that uses authentic songs in the target language as a fun way to train the brain to hear, recognize and comprehend lyrics at a fast-paced speed and authentic pronunciation. The CLOZE lyric live game is the most popular, but this platform has several activities to break down and learn lyrics in your chosen language. It exposes students to authentic music and genres, and makes it enjoyable to be able to sing along in your second language!

From Feb. 21-March 18, Profe Gray's Spanish 3 classes participated in Señor Ashby's Locura de Marzo Tournament hosted on Roxxem. They did exceptionally well! With 40,463 students and 979 classes participating, the competition was fierce!

Individual rankings (40,463 students participating worldwide)

Two students in the top 100!!

- Chloe Vo: ranked **45** with 6,693,497 points → top **.11 %**
- Matt Rodriguez: ranked **70** with 5,109,631 points → top **.17 percent**

Class rankings (979 registered classes participating worldwide):

One class in the top 50!

- Spanish 3 Honors section 02: **45 top 4.5%**
- Spanish 3 Honors section 03: **59 top 6%**
- Spanish 3 Honors section 01: 451 top 46%

The Spanish 3 honors classes section 02 and 03 won pizza parties from their teacher, Profe Gray.

From March 24-April 28th, Mrs. Gray's ESL classes participated in the first ever Roxxem ESL Music Tournament. They were legendary! At my own and other teachers emailed requests, English was

added for our ESL classes. It was only just added to Roxxem in February, and because I was doing this competition with my Spanish classes, I saw the notifications early enough to make sure my ESL students were in it from day one. The competition was smaller than the well-established Spanish contest, but I am still so proud of their hard work to place 1st and 2nd in both the individual and class categories.

- Freshman Valeria Miranda **won 1st place** (of 572 students). She won a \$100 Amazon Gift card from Roxxem.
- Junior Mariana Miranda **won 2nd place** (of 572 students). She won a \$75.00 Amazon Gift card from Roxxem.

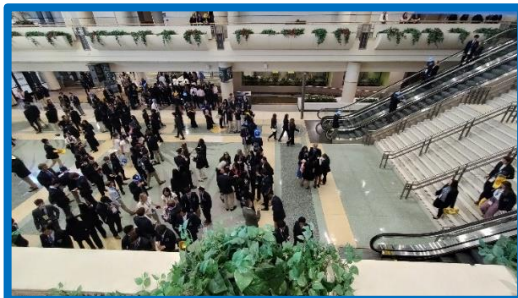
Both ESL classes won 1st and 2nd place:

- ESL section 02 **won 1st place** (of 19 registered classes). This class won \$100 Amazon Gift card and a Pizza Party from Roxxem.
- ESL section 01 **won 2nd place** (of 19 registered classes). This class won \$75 Amazon Gift card and a Roxxem Pro membership.



DECA –

JTHS DECA had 6 students attend ICDC (International Career Development Conference) in Orlando, Florida. Over 25000 students from around the world attended this conference, so the competition was fierce. Although we didn't have any finalists, our students should be commended for their efforts for making it this far and being part of this great experience and a part of New Jersey DECA that probably had its best showing ever.



The Academy for Environmental Science hosted their annual EcoFest where students create projects and eco-friendly products, showcasing some of their work over the year!

