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Student of the Month: January Candidates

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Recently, Wooster rolled out a new program aimed at recognizing students who most demonstrate the Colt Learner Profile traits: Inquiry, Knowledge, Thinking, Communication, Open-mindedness, Caring, Courageousness, Balance and Reflection.

Read on to learn more about the student candidates for the month of January and stay tuned to the next issue of Hoofprints where we will spotlight the March and April winners.

Student of the Month: Milagro Garcia

Ray Barajas



Milagro “Millie” Garcia Cabrera, Senior

What is your favorite school subject and why?

"Ceramics, I like to make stuff."

How does it feel to be nominated/to win?

"Happy"

Did you know that you were nominated or was it a surprise?

"It was a surprise"

What's been your hardest challenge as a student this year?

Working hard in class, [but it's] less of a struggle now.

What advice do you have for other students?

Come into class. Greet your teachers and ask what you are working on or doing in said class.

Do you know what it was that would have gotten you nominated?

Always coming to class and being involved in class.

What will you do now?

Keep up the same in all classes.

How will you apply your STOM status to your future?

College [applications and scholarships].

What was served at your special luncheon?

Pizza.

Do you think STOM is a good way to influence good behavior in students, Why or Why not?

"Yes, it's the best to be student of the month."

Student of the Month: Aldo Ayala Madrigal

Ximena Ramirez Ramirez and Abi Miller [interview conducted in Spanish]



Aldo Ayala Madrigal, Junior

What is your favorite school subject?

"Math, because I like to play around with numbers and figure out different things."

How does it feel to win Student of the Month?

"Excited; it makes me feel motivated to win."

Did you know you were nominated?

"No, it was a surprise because I wasn't expecting it."

What has been the hardest challenge you've faced as a student this year?

"The hardest challenge for me this year has been learning another language."

What is your advice to other students?

"My advice for others is to take your education seriously."

What will keep you motivated the rest of the year?

"Something that will keep me motivated this year is that I don't force myself to be good, I simply do what I'm told."

How will you apply your STOM award to other parts of your life?

I'm not sure if I will go to a university but maybe I can use it to be a professional.

Do you think STOM is a good way to influence good behavior in students?

Maybe so, it could be motivational, but also your education will not determine how your life is. Your grades won't determine your success in your life or even as a person.

Student of the Month: Paloma Dominguez

Delman Perez and Itzel Orellana [interview conducted in Spanish]



Paloma Dominguez, Freshmen

What is your favorite school subject and why?

"English with Ms. Scott, because I like to learn English and I need it for other classes."

How does it feel to be nominated/to win?

"Happy, because even though I don't know English I try my best to communicate with teachers."

Did you know that you were nominated or was it a surprise?

"I got a note"

What has been your hardest challenge this year?

"Learning English."

What advice do you have for other students?

"To put in effort and don't limit yourself especially if you don't know the language."

When in class did you do something that got you nominated? Can you recall what it was that would have gotten you nominated?

"I think doing my homework assignments and working hard this semester got me nominated."

What will you do now? Will this give you motivation for the rest of the year?

"I will now try harder and I want to learn English well."

How will you apply your student of the month status to your future? I.e. applications for college/scholarships?

I don't know.

What was served at your special luncheon? Did you get to decide?

I chose pizza and I was excited.

Getting to know your Wooster Staff

Ximena Ramirez Ramirez and Abi Miller



Rochelle Nutter, Registered Nurse

Why did you chose Wooster?

"I chose Wooster because I wanted to work with the high school population."

What is your favorite thing about Wooster?

"My favorite thing about Wooster is the staff and the students. I love coming to work each day and seeing the same faces that come into the clinic."



Casey McCann, Freshman Counselor.

What is one of your favorite memories at Wooster?

"So, I've been here 20 years and my favorite and the best event that we did was an event called Donkey basketball. It was a fundraiser to raise money for the school. And it was on February 27th, 2009. We had a company bring in a bunch of donkeys and then we played basketball. We sat on top of the donkeys and played basketball against students. It was staff versus students and the whole gym was packed and there were tons of people, and it was, like I said, a fundraiser. And it was, by far, the best event we've had."

What advice you would give to incoming freshman?

"Attendance. A lot of kids don't understand the importance of attendance. They don't come to school on a regular basis. And so, what happens is a lot of times the students don't pass their classes because of attendance...so they're out playing catch up the rest of their high school career. Many seniors, if I talk to them and say, hey, what's one thing you can change about your high school career? 95% of them always say I wish I could go back my freshman year and do better because the grades and their credits."

Do you feel like you help a lot of students?

"Yes, I believe so; usually, I'm available here everyday. Kids come and see me on a daily basis and I help them with a majority of different things, schedules, grades, teachers, social emotional issues, all kinds of things, so, yes."



David Kitchin, Principal Counselor

What's the biggest thing you would like to see happen this school year?

"I think the biggest thing I would like to see happen is just Wooster students in class being successful earning credits on track to graduate and there's a lot that goes into that. I think part of why we've worked so hard this year to bring back some of our school traditions and try to build positive school culture is I think it's important for students to actually want to be students here."

How would you motivate teachers to motivate students?

"I think one of the ways that we've tried to do that this year is just talking about that being an expectation, like, 'Hey, teachers, we expect you to get to know your students. We expect, when we're walking into a classroom to see students engaged.'"

Why did you chose Wooster?

"My whole career I've been at a comprehensive high school up until three or four years ago, so I spent the past three years at smaller high schools in Washoe county like TMCC and at Northstar and that those are amazing schools and it was really good work, but part of coming to Wooster was being excited about coming back to a comprehensive school."

What's the best advice you have ever been given?

"I'm old, so I've received lots of advice. My dad was a Navy officer. He had a very successful Navy career. One of the things that he told me that I'll always remember is when I was in high school he told me that being kind does not equal being weak, that you can be kind and you can also be strong."



Jo Nell Stinson (Ms. Jo), Liaison Officer

Do you think you help students?

"I think I do; I mean I am a great at listening. [I think students know] that they always can explain themselves and tell me how they're feeling and what they're going through and the troubles and the struggles that they're having in general. And I think that that gives us the ability to relate to one another, to let them know that they're being heard that they're validated."

Why did you chose Wooster?

"I chose Wooster because when I came in to do my interview, the front office was hustling and bustling and everyone was working together, and it seemed like a good cohesive team."

Has behavior this year improved from last year?

"Yes, it's better than last year and I think a lot of that has to do with the students and the relationships that we've been building together as far as teaching them to invest in themselves, go to class, and not give up on themselves."

Meet Your Lead Counselor

Ray Barajas



Erin Hinshaw, Lead and IB Counselor

Both the lead and IB counselor, Mrs. Hinshaw, holds a master's in Education and School Counseling and has been a counselor for twenty years, sixteen of them at Wooster.

Mrs. Hinshaw has three kids, two step-kids, still in high school, and one biological son, who is in the military.

Mrs. Hinshaw loves dogs, reading books, cooking, and watching TV after a stressful day. She also likes hanging out with her mom and does it often. Before she had her son, she used to ride quads as a hobby. What should and can students come to counselors for

Everything! The three main umbrellas [categories] are: Personal, Emotional, Academic.

Really, almost everything falls under or near those three things, academic being the thing students go to the counselor for the most.

Best moment in counseling?

Any moment that feels like you changed a kid's life or helped them. Any moment you feel you've made an impact on a kid.

Where do you find your counselor?

In the office. Different grades have different counselors, but stopping by the office can get you to know your counselor.

How do you make an appointment with your counselor?

Going to the Wooster Colts webpage, hovering over the "academics tab," then clicking on "Counseling/Social Work department."

Donkey
Basketball,
circa 2009
(no donkeys
were harmed
in the course
of the game):



Wrestling with the Facts

Ximena Ramirez Ramirez and Abi Miller



Lexi Whisler, Senior

What would you say to other females that are afraid of joining the wrestling team?

"I know it may seem scary at first and it's a very competitive sport but in the end you get a lot of experience and a change of mindset, so I would think of it that way, like, wrestling is very fun and you shouldn't really be scared."

What inspired you to join wrestling?

"I moved here from California for my last year of high school and I never was able to do a sport so for my last year of high school I wanted to join wrestling because it's just fun and it's very competitive and wrestling is a sport that you only rely on yourself to win, it's not like basketball or football where you have a team. It is just you and your opponent on the mat, and I just really like the concept of that."



Matthew O'Brien, Junior

What goes through your head when you're wrestling?

"Just trying to be calm, keep a level mind, not get mad or get upset."

Do you play any other sports?

"Right now, I'm only doing wrestling but I've played baseball."



Michelle Lopez Perez, Senior

What do you think is the best thing about wrestling?

"I think the best thing about wrestling is the people you are around because they are kind, and they are doing the sport that no one else would."

How long have you been wrestling?

"I've been wrestling since junior year."

What would you say to other females that fear joining wrestling?

"Honestly, just do it. I was scared at first but it's honestly the most fun sport you could ever do."



Warhammer 40k: The Emperor Compels you, Check this Game Out!



Models & Products Released in 2024

Jacob Newland

“It is the 41st millennium. For more than a hundred centuries The Emperor has sat immobile on the Golden Throne of Earth. He is the master of mankind by the will of the gods, and master of a million worlds by the might of his inexhaustible armies. He is a rotting carcass writhing invisibly with power from the dark age of technology. He is the carrion lord of the imperium for whom a thousand souls are sacrificed every day, so that the man never truly die. To be a man in such times is to be one amongst untold billions. It is to live in the cruelest and most bloody regime imaginable. These are the tales of those times. Forget the power of technology and science, for so much has been forgotten, never to be re-learned. Forget promise of progress and understanding, for in the grim dark future there is only war. There is no peace amongst the stars, only an eternity of carnage, slaughter, and the laughter of thirsting gods.”

This, gamers, is a quote for one of the darkest and most brutal game ever, Warhammer 40k, originally a turn-based board game similar to another popular roleplaying board game, Dungeons and Dragons,

both being made by Games Workshop, which was later adapted into a popular video game. With the board game, and some of the video games, you get to choose your faction, to fight for the Imperium of Man, Orks, Eldar, Dark Eldar, Adeptus Mechanicus, Tyranids, Necrons, or the T’au empire, but in most of the games you play as members of the Imperium of man, and mostly as one of the enhanced, eight-foot tall muscular super soldiers known as a Space Marines, who are members of legions that are led by twenty of the Emperor’s Primarchs. The Primarchs are the Emperor’s children, towering at 12 ft tall, who are called demigods but who are actually Psykers, who have the ability to absorb this hellish energy from this place called the Warp, which is ruled by four Chaos gods known as Khorne of wrath, Slaanesh of lust, Nurgle of decay and death, and Tzeetch of knowledge and manipulation, and they, the Primarchs, are the Imperium’s biggest enemy out of all of the factions.

Now, let’s talk about the Emperor of mankind, the oldest and most powerful man known to history, being born in the 8th millennium B.C. and called a god during his time, even though he always rejected that title since he didn’t want to be known a god to his people, though he would still lead them to safety and colonize planets so the human race could live on and be protected under his watch. As the years went by in the 30th millennium, his favorite son and most powerful of the Primarchs, Horus Lupercal, committed the biggest sin known to humanity by betraying the emperor after being manipulated to join the Chaos legions by one of his Primarch brothers who got him to convince eight other Primarchs to betray the Emperor, which led to a

gruesome war that caused the death of three trillion soldiers and two primarchs, those two being Horus and Sanguinius the angel, the most beloved Primarch in the imperium and leader of the Blood Angels.

Once the Emperor heard Horus was battling Sanguinius on earth or also known as Terra, he was hesitant to fight Horus until seeing him kill Sanguinius in his throne room. Though he then went on to defeat and permanently kill Horus’ soul so that he wouldn’t be in the Warp after he died. The event left the Emperor greatly wounded, and now he sits on his Golden Throne of the Imperium on earth, lifeless, rotting, being fed a thousand souls to stay alive and to provide interstellar travel for his legions, who travel across the galaxy to colonize, conquer, or defend planets from Xenos, and worship the Emperor as a god to the max, saying if you’re a heretic, non-believer, or filthy Xeno, you deserve death.

However, one of the Emperor’s factions have allied themselves with the Adeptus Mechanicus, a race of humanoid-cyborg aliens who live on mars and worship another god known by the name of Omnisiah. And you, reader, you’re probably thinking that’s heresy to the imperium, yes? Well, yes; though they believe in the Emperor and his powers, they worship the Omnisiah because most of the Imperium’s weapons don’t work and if they didn’t ally themselves with the Adeptus Mechanicus they would be screwed.

Another faction loosely allied with the Imperium, The Eldar are an elf-like alien race who form a small faction for the newly awakened Eldar God Ynnead, called the Daughter of Shades, led by Yvraine, the emissary of Ynnead, along with the Imperium legion called the Ultra-Marines who clad themselves with Blue

Armor and are led by Roboute Guilliman, Commander of the Imperium and the third strongest of the Primarchs that didn’t turn to the Chaos legions.

To the Chaos legions, it seems that neither of these two would ally with each other since all humans hate anything not human and the Eldar think the humans are idiot barbarians, but the Daughter of Shades needed help from the Imperium to fight back against Chaos, and when she heard Guilliman was close to death after a battle against his Primarch brother she put a plan into action to help save Guilliman and gain his alliance.

After his fateful battle in Nurgle’s garden, Guilliman had returned to his home world, Ultramar, to be left resting in his throne room, and one of Guilliman’s allies, Belisarius Cawl, a giant tech priest who had to hunch himself to not intimidate anyone he’s allies with, was unable to heal him due to being on a faraway planet with no transportation. That’s when the Daughter of Shades sent Yvraine to offer help to Cawl to get Guilliman so the Ultra-Marines would help to fight back against Chaos with Yvraine.

Later, Cawl was able to heal Guilliman to health by giving him a new power suit called the armor of fate, but forever more Guilliman isn’t able to take it off for long periods to keep himself from dying.

After Guilliman was resurrected by Yvraine and Cawl, they all returned to Terra where Guilliman would learn most of his Primarch brothers are missing, dead, or have betrayed the Imperium, so he went to be granted an audience with his father, speaking to him telepathically and asking for help to take care of the people of the Imperium. At that time he learned that the Emperor’s telepathic strength had reached a new

level since he’s sat silently on his Golden Throne of 10,000 years, and not much is known what the Emperor said to Guilliman, but it shook him.

Now, for the games, there are some different gameplay styles like first or third person shooters where you’re either playing as an important character or you get to choose or create who you want to play, or strategy games where you get to choose what faction you want to play as and which legion you want to specialize with first, or if you want to fight on the ground with a small squad or an entire army depending on your choice, or in space fighting in an Armada battle, or play a turn based game where you and your squad each take turns attacking.

In my opinion, these turn based 40k games are almost like the board game, while some strategy video games have the perfect visualization on happens for the board game and how it plays out.

So, now you know just a quarter of the Warhammer 40k lore, dear reader. If interested, check out the board game, get the little figurines for the board game, search up any 40k video game that catches your eye and try it out.

Prepare to fight for the God Emperor, brothers and sisters, for there is no such thing as peace in 40k, only war.