

NCHS Breakfast with Iron Awards – January & February:

January:

Jennifer Coppersmith nominated Jenny Ewan

I have chosen Jenny Ewan to receive the Breakfast with Iron Award because she is kind and conscientious. This year has brought many challenges, yet the quality of her work is dependably top-notch. Jenny has many friends, but is independent and hard-working. She is an editor for the Inkspot and a member of the volleyball team. She is honest and is all an Ironmen should be. I believe she will be very successful after leaving NCHS.

Marvis Dickinson nominated Andy Bean

Andy has a very positive demeanor – He’s always cheerful and really has an uplifting effect on our class. Additionally, he is an outstanding student, and usually receives the highest scores in the class on tests. Even though he’s a Cardinals fan, he’s pretty much perfect in every other way!

Jennifer Giermann nominated Karen Diaz

As Karen Diaz’s keyboarding teacher, I am honored to nominate her for Breakfast with Iron. When Karen walks into class each day, she has a smile on her face and is ready to learn. Karen’s participation and work ethic is far above her peers. She will often ask to come in and work during her homeroom and resource hours to double check her work with the requirements. Karen’s work that she turns in always exceeds my expectations. Karen is also more than willing to lend a hand when I need something translated for other English Language Learner students. Karen’s dedication to learning, positive attitude, and willingness to help others has truly made it a pleasure to have her in class this year.

Joel Swanson nominated Jessica Hirschi

Jessica is one of the hardest working students I have ever had in my classes. She goes above and beyond to complete each assignment and project in class to the best of her abilities. Jessica consistently displays a positive attitude in class and enthusiastically participates in class discussions on a daily basis. I can truly say that it is a pleasure to have Jessica in my Environmental Science class and she is deserving of her recognition as a “Breakfast with Iron” recipient.

Teresa Swenson nominated Elizabeth Heid

I have the pleasure of getting to know Elizabeth and have watched her become an astonishing young woman. Elizabeth has been a Guidance Office Monitor since her freshman year, and she is always willing to undertake any task that is needed for us. Elizabeth comes in with a smile on her face, is respectful to others around her, and just brightens my day. It is with great honor and pride that I recommend Elizabeth for Breakfast with Iron.

P.S. And I need to mention, she is very good at supplying our office with treats!

February:

Latishia Baker nominated Dom Hudson

Dom Hudson is among the most amazing individuals I've met in my career. What is it that makes this individual so amazing? Dom has a smile that is infectious, tons of enthusiasm and an approachable demeanor.

Imagine NCHS students at the end of the day, tired, distracted and ready to pack it in. But not Dom - he is smiling, seemingly reflective and ready to meet whatever challenge lay ahead. Dom manages to turn even the most challenging moments into those that you find yourself giggling about later in the day.

Dom has consistently earned above average grades in all his classes and is involved in sports. Clearly, Dom works hard to maintain both. But that's not the reason Dom stands out among our best. Rather, he leads by example. At any moment you will hear Dom offering his peers a kind word, promising his support, and/or voicing his admiration for another's achievement. Dom taught me a wonderful lesson; look through the lens and admire the ENTIRE picture, no matter the dark spots.

What would I do without that smile everyday? I hope I'll never know.

Angie Cardiff nominated Nancy Garcia

I have had Nancy Garcia in my classes for the better part of her 4 years at NCHS. She has always been a hard working, organized, and motivated student. She has had the same priorities and work ethic all throughout high school, and I believe that is what is going to allow her to go far in life. I don't know any other student who stays after school so often just to finish up that little bit of work so she can say she's done with that project or assignment. Another thing about Nancy that has always struck me is she is very mature for her age. She has the ability to not only recognize when she needs help with something, but to seek out that help appropriately. Whether it is something in school or out, Nancy knows how to deal with tough times in her life. And I'm sure it's not always easy, but she always has a smile on her face and an attitude a lot of other students should be jealous of. I'm going to miss seeing Nancy in my room next year. She truly deserves this nomination.

Rita Divita nominated Sarah Weekes

Sarah Weekes has taken classes in the family and consumer sciences department for two years now. Sarah is a very organized student who is an active member in the classroom. Whether it is participating and sharing her views during class discussion, or helping out fellow peers during group work, Sarah is someone her classmates look up to. She is always the first to offer her help to anyone in need. Sarah challenges herself and her knowledge, which is seen in her work. She is kind-hearted, thoughtful, and always has a positive attitude.

Sean Kerr nominated Annaliese Quistgaard

Liesse has been an exceptional leader in what is usually a “man’s club”. Her work with Iron Light and Sound has made her an invaluable asset to the school. No matter how menial or extravagant the job she is always willing to help out. It has been my pleasure to have Liesse to work with the last 3 years as she has helped to set a higher standard for Technical Theatre at NCHS.

Wes Temples nominated Jason Schroeder

It is an honor to nominate Jason Schroeder for the Breakfast with Iron Award. Jason is someone that I have a great amount of respect for. He was our football team manager this fall, and did an outstanding job! He did the job with great pride, and showed what a responsible and dedicated young man he is. I have the pleasure of having Jason in Personal Development, and his work ethic is second to none. He is someone who looks forward to getting better each day. Thank you and Congratulations Jason!!!