



CLASS OF 2018
CRUSADER OF THE MONTH
James McKinley Jordan III

MONTH HONORED: February 2018

James Jordan was selected by Mr. Jake Lubbers

James Jordan III, or JJ, as many students and staff call him, is a wonderful young man who strives to bring out the best in others and be his best himself.

JJ is a paragon of determination. Hard work has helped ensure that he excels in every undertaking at Muskegon Catholic Central. Some of the notable activities in which he is involved include both athletics and arts. JJ was on the football team and a captain of the wrestling team. In this year's spring musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, JJ was cast in one of the musical's lead roles, Gaston. His voice and his athletic physique compliment his role.

JJ is especially good at getting people pumped up. He wants people to have a good time and enjoy life. This year JJ has been assisting me with deejaying the high school dances. JJ is skilled at syncing up the music and working the crowd to get them charged up. He dances, makes other people dance, and makes people happy. Brittany DeWitt, MCC counselor, describes JJ as "friendly, super kind, and always willing to lend a helping hand."

During and outside of school, JJ lives out his faith. He is a servant of Jesus when he helps the elderly in his community with yard work. It is this spirit of Christ-like leadership that makes JJ the February selection for Student of the Month. Strong faith in God is present in JJ's life, and he is making a difference in the spiritual lives of others through the WINGS Program at MCC. He attends Mount Zion Church of God in Christ.

In the future, JJ would like to attend Muskegon Community College and then transfer to Grand Valley State University to pursue a degree in criminal justice. It is certain that JJ will be a positive force for good wherever he goes in life.

JJ is the son of Kesha and James Jordan II.



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Elizabeth Ann Isom

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Elizabeth Isom was selected by Mr. Steve Czerwon

For the “*Character, Commitment and Compassion*” that Elizabeth Isom has exhibited at Muskegon Catholic Central, I proudly name her as Student of the Month for February 2018.

For the past four years, Elizabeth has shown a strong commitment toward Muskegon Catholic Central, as she has excelled in the both the classroom and in athletics. Elizabeth has taken many honors classes and currently is enrolled in (or has taken): AP Literature, AP US History, AP Calculus, AP Chemistry and Spanish 4. Elizabeth has served on the Student Council and is a member of the National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society. She currently carries a 3.9 GPA. In athletics, Elizabeth has been All Conference in track and field for the past three years. She is also a member of both the cross country and basketball teams.

Elizabeth has overcome several life-changing events and has endured as only a true Crusader can. At the State Finals in 2014, Elizabeth suffered a major injury to her leg while competing in the 100M Hurdles. She broke her femur and had to have a rod inserted into her leg. After the injury, she underwent extensive rehabilitation that required physical resiliency and a renewed confidence in herself. The following year she made it back to the State Finals and ran on the very same track she was injured on. Elizabeth’s family also suffered a setback in 2014 when they lost their home to a fire. This devastating event only brought their family closer together and forced them to rebuild with a renewed sense of purpose and faith. Elizabeth’s perseverance through both these incidents have only added to her character and have helped mature her well beyond her years.

Most noticeably, Elizabeth has a great personality and gets along with everyone she encounters while maintaining a quiet and confident leadership. She has a great laugh and sense of humor that is infectious. On the weekends, she serves as both a lector and altar server at St. Michael’s and cherishes the time she gets to spend with friends. Next fall, she will study Hospitality Management at the University of Central Florida or Michigan State University with the hopes of becoming an event planner. Elizabeth feels this is a perfect career for her as it will, in her words, “make a few people’s lives easier”.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Stephanie Green and Damon Isom. She has a brother Brandon and attends St. Michael’s Parish.