

And here it is again, our favorite meeting of the month! It is so refreshing to meet our Students of the Month. They talk of accomplishments and hopes. They speak with an ability to truly articulate their visions. They demonstrate determination. They represent the best of what our schools and our community have to offer. And we are always humbled.

From Inverness Middle School - Antonio Robel was selected by the whole 8th grade team. A very soft-spoken (and probably scared to publicly speak) young man, he is a mostly straight A student with a 3.8 gpa who wants to get a degree in business and open a mechanics shop. To be selected by the whole "team", the teachers felt he was hardworking and showed a positive attitude and strong leadership qualities, making him an example of what our rotary wants to inspire.

From Citrus High School – Jose Febiar is the class valedictorian. He will graduate with his high school diploma and his AA degree. He attends the Computer Science Academy and will also have amassed many certifications in that area. Oh, and, he also won the Daughters of the Revolution essay contest (he seemed quite proud of that). He is also involved in clubs, including LINK and NHS, and is a mathlete (is this really a word now?). But what is most important to him is mental health. He is involved in "mindful futures", which focuses on all levels and ages of mental well-being, with support groups. They also interact with Aspire and NAMI. Mental health, he said, affects everyone. How true these words are. He plans to attend USF to get a degree in Psychology and continue his education to be a psychiatrist. It was a little surprising how grounded this young man was, and there is no doubt he will be an asset to our future.

Morgan Roscoe is a dynamo and this girl is ready to go! She is a 1st Lieutenant in ROTC and team leader of her orienteering group, winning them a 1st place finish in a major competition. Enrolled in the Computer Science Academy, the skills she has developed will offer her an opportunity to continue with the military in network systems operations, entering as an E3. It is amazing to see such fine students finding great future careers in our military.

Once again, put your shades on. The future is burning brightly.

Other News:

*Sonja and Addi Leonard, our Interact president, presented the new Interact banner and bell.

*Addi spoke of her experience with S4TL. We heard how life-changing it was, how it brought her out of her shell, how she learned good leadership skills, and how she made incredible friendships.

Dates to Remember:

Dec 14 – Christmas Party – 5:30 Old Courthouse

Dec 18 - Feed Citrus-7am Citrus County Fairgrounds

Dec 19 – Board Meeting-12 noon – 1st Presbyterian Church

Dec 21 – Helping the Homeless with Calvary Church and others –8:30 Lake Hernando Park

Dec 24 & 31 – No Club Meeting

50/50 - \$33 to Paul Wheeler

Happy/sad - \$118