

## Local News

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## January Students of the Month

The Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce kicked off the 2012-2013 Student of the Month program in September 2012. The students are nominated by their teachers and staff at their respective school sites and are chosen for their character, integrity, love of learning, ability to persevere and overcome challenging circumstances, community service, and how they make a difference on their high school campus.

January's students and their families attended a luncheon sponsored by the Perris and Menifee Chambers of Commerce along with local businesses and organizations. Principals and teachers from each high school shared stories about the students and they each received certificates of recognition, numerous gifts, congratulations and encouragement from local, county, state and federal dignitaries.

Heritage High School Student of the Month is Jerynne Noble. She is described as the "sunshine of the band unit" according to band director, Dwight Asberry, as explained by Assistant Principal, Lynn Menius. Ms. Menius further described Jerynne as organized, positive and very effective in her school life. Jerynne's chemistry teacher, Ms. MacPherson, stated that Jerynne is an all-around student who is



Pictured left to right are January's Students of the Month; Sally Myers, Founder; Dr. Jonathan Greenberg, Superintendent, Perris Union High School District; Jerynne Noble, Heritage High School; Dominic Hays, Perris High School; Abigail Beck, Paloma Valley High School; Julie Woodruff, City of Menifee; and Mayor Daryl Busch, City of Perris. Not pictured, Raenalene Musni from The California Military Institute.

sincere and genuine. Jerynne shared that one of the most significant life lessons that she learned was not to be stressed so much but to be grateful for what is given and to maximize on opportunities presented. Jerynne has applied to UC San Diego, UC Berkeley, Stanford, and Johns Hopkins University and plans to major in biomedical engineering.

California Military Institute (CMI) senior, Raenalene Musni, is described by Principal, Rick Wallis as the perfect example for a recruitment poster. Raenalene is the battalion commander for all of CMI's high school cadets and earned the privilege to participate in the color guard for Governor Jerry Brown's inauguration last year. Her JROTC teacher, Ms. Tay, commented that Raenalene has been a good example to the other cadets and is very polite and thoughtful to those around her as displayed both as a commander, and as ASB president. Raenalene shared that she would like to inspire other cadets to become leaders. She plans to attend UCLA and major in international business relations.

Perris High School's, Dominic Hays, is January's Student of the Month. According to Principal, Dr. Lynne Sheffield, Dominic is a smart leader on campus and has enjoyed watching him grow. He is captain of the Perris High School Drumline, and plays drums in the worship team at this church. Dominic shared that prior to attending Perris High School, he was at CMI and was grateful for the discipline he was taught there, and brought that with him to Perris High. Dominic plans to attend USC and while participating in the Trojan Marching Band, he will be studying music to play drums professionally along with being able to teach students the craft.

Paloma Valley High School's, Abigail Beck, is the "go to" person on various issues according to Principal, Brian Morris. He stated there are times that Abigail seems more like a colleague rather than a student. She displays a calmness and maturity in her leadership. Abigail's father, Mr. Beck, stated that he and his wife were very proud of her and that they know she will continue to see through her journey as she leaves for college. Abigail shared that being ASB president has taught her a lot about dealing with different people and diverse outlooks. Abigail plans to attend either Cal Poly Pomona or San Luis Obispo and is looking to major in aeronautical engineering or kinesiology.

All of these students demonstrated a desire to work hard and have a drive to exceed others and their own expectations. The Perris Valley Chamber and the Menifee Valley Chamber wish them the best in their endeavors. If you wish to learn more about the Student of the Month Program, please contact founder, Sally Myers at (951) 506-8024.