

Suburban Life Scholars

Downers Grove South

Jon Joshua Urgello

Notable Student Academic Achievements: SkillsUSA Mobile Robotics Technology Competition two-time State Champion with Second Place in National Competition, NHS, NSHSS, NTHS, IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award, West Suburban All Conference (Varsity Tennis), First Honors All Semesters. Student's Current GPA is 4.437.

Student Involvement in Activities: Varsity Tennis (4 years, WSC), President of Robotics Club (SkillsUSA Competitor and Champion), Math Team, Ping-Pong Club, Adventure Club, Pianist, Computer Programmer.

Student Involvement in Community Service: Contemporary Ensemble Pianist at St. Scholastica Parish, DGS Kid's Tennis Camp Coach.

Nominated by Anita Carpenter, School/College Counselor: Jon has always displayed a great deal of integrity and responsibility. His friendly and polite personality are shown in every aspect of his outstanding career at DGS. The respect that he has shown his teachers and other students is indicative of a student who possesses great maturity. Jon also constantly displayed a desire to achieve. In addition to being driven to succeed, JJ also shows a great deal of enthusiasm in pursuing his future goals. Not only does he have a curiosity about the natural world around him that helped him learn, he also used this excitement to help other students in this class. He has the intellectual ability to succeed as well as the motivation and drive to be successful. His teachers have stated that he is also a leader in many of his classes, and he always shows a great interest in his fellow student opinions. His positive dedication towards understanding different viewpoints and his ability to listen to others has validated why he is such a strong leader.

Downers Grove North

Natalie Flynn

Notable Student Academic Achievements: Merit Scholarship to Ball State's School of Journalism; National Honor Society Member. Student's GPA is 4.0.

Student Involvement in Activities: Member of Color Guard and Winter Guard; Track Team Member; Honor Roll Recipient.

Student Involvement in Community Service: Feed My Starving Children Volunteer; Grade School Science Fair Organizer; Helper with donation delivery to needy families.

Nominated by Mark Wasik, School Counselor: Natalie is the consummate student. She is actively involved with her learning, willing to persevere through difficult subject matter as she challenges herself within a demanding college preparatory course load. She plans to study Journalism given her heavy involvement with our school newspaper and within our English Department taking multiple English courses this year. Beyond her challenging course load, Natalie is a visible role model as both a member of our color and winter guard as well as a standout on our in-door conference champion girls track team.

