



Juan

Grade: 11

School: Mission Oak High School,
Tulare Union Joint High
School District

Pillar: Responsibility

Comment: Nominators Zilda Hilliard and Mike Hazelwood say, “While his academic achievement is indeed noteworthy, we have also been impressed by Juan’s work ethic and drive. Juan has tremendous courage and really impressed everyone in our speech class. He opened up about how he has only spoken English for three months. Though he has lots of room for growth with the language, we were amazed that he had the courage to stand in front of the class and deliver a speech in a language he’s only practiced for such a short time.”

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