

Jonathan Ortiz

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Alta Vista High School

January 2023



Junior

Alta Vista High School is proud to honor Jonathan as our January Student of the Month. Alta Vista presents one special student for the 2022-23 school year before our MVLA board of representatives. This year, the decision amongst all staff members was unanimous. Jonathan represents the heart of Alta Vista: he demonstrates a positive work ethic, moral character, and resilience.

Jonathan immigrated to Florida at the age of six, and then relocated to MVLA after seventh grade for better economic opportunity. He did not have a typical high school start, missing 8th and 9th grades, and trying to do his very best as a 10th grader, new to the district. While Jonathan struggled in credits and with education gaps initially in high school, Jonathan said he made good friends and relationships with helpful teachers while at Los Altos High School.

This fall at Alta Vista High School, Jonathan earned 30 credits with a 4.0 GPA! He has worked on time-management skills and academic focus, and is able to learn in the Alta structure of evening online classwork in addition to his five class periods on campus. In the words of Ms. Michalek, Ms. Lewis and Ms. Estrada: “Jonathan is always a team player. He is incredibly respectful, and his actions show how much his desire to succeed is important to him”; “Jonathan...works hard and is dedicated to his work. Every day it is a joy to have him in class”; and Jonathan’s “friendly and polite personality is contagious”.

Outside of school, Jonathan works 4-5 days a week. He also likes to hang out with friends and his girlfriend, as well as his family when everyone has the same days off. Jonathan also has a little sister hoping to attend LAHS next year, and he works to be a good example for her. Of special mention, Jonathan’s mom has always had an incredible work ethic and he is proud of how she has provided for her family. Jonathan stated that she has taught him these important life lessons: that hard work always pays off, to try to respect others, and also in life, to have fun!

Jonathan’s goals for the future are to focus on school, continue to compete in Alta Vista sports, and possibly graduate early as a mid-year senior. Jonathan is focused on a career and training through De Anza Community College in the auto certificate program and may try community college classes even next year. Congratulations Jonathan Ortiz for receiving Alta Vista Student of the Month (Year). We can’t wait to see all of the amazing accomplishments coming your way in the future!