



(APPLICATION FOR BCSD CHARACTER EDUCATION STUDENT OF THE MONTH)

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RE: Nomination for BCSD Character Education Student of the Month – November 2017

Student’s Name: Kevin Geist **Grade:** 11

Word of the Month: Respect/ Gratitude

Kevin Geist is a junior who joined Hilton Head Island High Schools beginning with Grade 7. Kevin is identified as demonstrating the character traits of Respect and Gratitude. Kevin currently has earned a cumulative GPA of 4.65 placing him 30 out of 288 classmates, demonstrating an exemplary work ethic and perseverance that sets an example for his peers to follow. Being here every day demonstrates respect to education in general. Kevin has perfect attendance so far this year and in addition is an outstanding athlete serving in both grades 10 & 11 as Team Captain for HHIHS Swim Team. Kevin has a quiet presentation while being kind and courteous to both staff and students. He speaks to adults and peers alike in a respectful manner. Kevin reports teammates trust him as their leader. He feels mutual trust and respect go together for successful leadership as the swimmers are not all at the same skill level.

Kevin is thankful for his teachers and that they will provide support beyond class time. Kevin reports he tries to create a relationship with his teachers. He is evidently successful as teacher comments support him as S.O.M. best:

1. “Kevin Geist is a polite, respectful young man. He is a leader in the classroom because of his reverence and humility. I find Kevin to be most appreciative of all that you do for him. He is the first to say good morning and thank you. He stands out among his peers. In addition, he is a state champion swimmer who is so humble about his accomplishments. Kevin Geist is an outstanding Seahawk in every sense of the word.
2. “Kevin is a student who is never afraid to ask for help. While doing this, he is always quick to thank you, even when it is not needed. He is a student who will say something to his classmates for misbehaving, out of respect for his teachers and fellow classmates. He truly is a student that exemplifies gratitude, by something as simple as having a smile on his face when he walks into class.”
3. “I cannot speak to the trait of gratitude but Kevin is always respectful. He is the first to apologize in any situation, even when he has nothing to apologize for. He has a sense of humility and a willingness to help out whenever he is able.”

Kevin lives on the island with his parents and brother. Both sets of grandparents are in the area, also.

Kevin plans to swim in college while he integrates his Chinese into an International Business degree.

Thank you for considering this your man for this honor.