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State Board of Education Honors Student of the Month

Christina DiDonato, president of her student council and a senior at Hammonton High School in Atlantic County, was recognized today by the State Board of Education as the December Student of the Month.

DiDonato received the President's Academic Excellence Award for two consecutive years, and was named to both the National Honor Roll and Hammonton High School honor roll for the last three years.

"Christina DiDonato is one of the finest student leaders we've ever had at Hammonton High School," said Principal James Donoghue. "She possesses the qualities of leadership, high scholastic standing, and community involvement that will make her successful in any endeavor."

"I can truthfully say that I have never had a more energetic and charismatic person in this office," said her English teacher, Mary-Ann Meehan. "She is a leader in every sense of the word, and she never fails to inspire others to follow her lead."

DiDonato has been instrumental in increasing school spirit in her role as student council president by setting up a recognition day for each sport in the school.

She is a four-year letter-winning bowler and participates as basketball manager, boys' track and field manager, and the varsity football assistant athletic trainer. She also volunteers on the homecoming and prom committees, and is a member of both the Spanish Club and Key clubs.

"Christina DiDonato is a well-rounded student who clearly excels in all of her endeavors," said Dr. Arnold G. Hyndman, the state board of education president. "We are proud to recognize her, and hope her energy never wears off."

"We honor our top students each month because we believe they can make a difference not only with their peers today, but in the world tomorrow," said Commissioner Lucille E. Davy. "Christina DiDonato is certainly a student we should all keep our eyes on."

Each month during the school year, the State Board of Education recognizes an outstanding student or students from one of the 21 counties in the state. Last month, the State Board recognized David B. Geeter II, a senior at Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Sciences in Ocean County.

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