

Rachel Michaels

STUDENT OF THE YEAR FREESTYLE ACADEMY OF COMMUNICATION ARTS & TECHNOLOGY MARCH 30, 2015



Rachel Michaels is one of the loveliest people I know. She is kind, true, extremely talented and intelligent. I think she is a blessing to Freestyle. In the music video unit, she took time out to help others who were struggling with Pro Tools. She is always helpful. There is no better candidate for Freestyle Student of the Year.

Daniela Chavez Preciado, Freestyle Academy Classmate of Rachel Michaels

"Diligent" is the first word that comes to mind when I think of Rachel Michaels. She is truly one of the most caring, conscientious, and hardworking students in our Senior class, applying the best of her character and ability to her project work and in her interactions with her peers and teachers. As an English student, Rachel is an avid and thoughtful reader, writer, and class participant. In her writing, she communicates her ideas with a strong sense of voice, which makes her work very compelling. In our class discussions, Rachel is a go-to student, always ready and eager to contribute her insightful commentary and perspectives. She is an outstanding listener, building on her peers contributions or respectfully disagreeing or qualifying a statement entered into the discussion or debate. Rachel's contributions make my English class a more engaging and thought provoking environment for everyone. Her pattern of intelligent and audience-sensitive expressions has earned the respect of her teachers and peers. Just as she elevates class discussion, Rachel is also a terrific collaborator and can elevate the performance of any group she is working with. For these reasons, she is one of the most sought-after team players and certainly one of the most beloved members of the Freestyle community.

Jason Greco, Freestyle Academy English Teacher

Rachel is an exemplary student and has been since she first arrived in my Design room nearly two years ago. She and Freestyle seem made for each other and from day one she dove right in and immediately was successful. Rachel is very consistent in her ability to create unique, original compositions, bring interesting viewpoints to her projects, as well as contribute to our classroom in a positive, intelligent, and helpful manner. Rachel exemplifies what a successful Freestyle student looks like!

Leslie Parkinson, Freestyle Academy Design Teacher

Rachel inspires me to become a better teacher.

Leo Florendo, Freestyle Academy WebAudio Teacher

Rachel has such a big heart and a desire to make a difference in the world. She somehow found me and chose me for her Freestyle documentary and then spent a great deal of time learning about my non-profit and the work we are doing in Kenya for obstetric fistula survivors. Her interest and passion are genuine and she is planning to join me this summer to volunteer in Kenya with our organization. Rachel is an all-around burst of positive energy. Her work on her Freestyle project was extensive and impressive. I loved reading her blog, her article and seeing her photos. She is a talented and intelligent young woman. I was incredibly honored that she found me and that we will be traveling together to Kenya this summer. She is well deserving of this honor.

Debbie Matityahu, Founder, A Little 4 A Lot
