

Jerry Liang
Award for Excellence
Student of the Year
Freestyle Academy April 2026



For two consecutive years, Jerry Liang has brought consistent excellence, open-mindedness, and community commitment to our English class and campus culture. He is a sensitive listener who pays close attention to the ideas and needs of others and then takes the initiative to reach out, offer help, and make his classmates feel supported. In reading discussions and writing workshops, Jerry's feedback is consistently insightful, encouraging, and grounded in genuine respect. These strengths were especially evident during our recent Worldbuilding project, where he worked closely with three other classmates to co-create a story and pitch presentation for a western film titled *No Man's Land*. As a writer who is willing to take risks, Jerry has experimented with forms ranging from creative personal essays to magazine article writing to poetry, embracing the writing process with integrity, curiosity, and diligence. I am grateful to Jerry, for he has strengthened our creative learning environment and enriched the Freestyle community. I know his peers will also be sincerely happy to know he's received this award.

~Jason Greco, Freestyle Academy English Teacher

Within the first few weeks of his junior Design class, I knew Jerry was going to be a stellar student. What I didn't know until a few weeks later, is that he would be such an amazing help to anyone who needed additional help in the class. But then to top it all off, he started designing posters for Freestyle events, and did an amazing job! Jerry has been a great attribute to Design, and I'm going to miss having a "teacher's assistant" next year! He is very deserving of this award, and I'm extremely proud of him.

~Leslie Parkinson, Freestyle Academy Design Teacher

Jerry is a model student who embodies everything we celebrate at Freestyle - visually literate, technologically literate, creative, self-directed, highly productive, team player, collaborative, socially and civically responsible, and takes risks. Jerry cares deeply about Freestyle and our community here - something very obvious from the start of his 2 year journey with us. We have been incredibly lucky to have Jerry at Freestyle. We predict a meaningful and rewarding future for him. We are very proud of Jerry!

~Leo Florendo, Freestyle Academy Program Coordinator and Digital Media Teacher

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