

# March Newsletter

*Latest Updates and News from John XXIII Educational Center*

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## John XXIII Educational Center

*A Ministry of Saint Patrick's Parish*

*1101 Douglas Avenue Racine, WI  
53402*

### Tutoring Hours:

Monday-Thursday

4:00-5:30 pm & 6:30-8:00 pm

**Contact Us:** (262) 898-7250

### ESL Classes for Adults:

Please contact Claire Wagner at:  
(262) 902-6668

### Important Dates:

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>: Family Soccer  
3v3 Tournament at 11:30-2:30  
pm

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>: Annual  
Banquet Fundraiser

## Annual Banquet Fundraiser

In just two weeks, our annual banquet fundraiser for John XXIII Educational Center is coming up! Join us to celebrate our 10-year anniversary of working in the community to support our students. We will be having a delicious dinner from Danny's Catering with vegetarian and gluten free choices available. It will be hosted at Hickory Hall on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30pm. The cost is \$20 to attend. We will highlight the past year of events and successes at John XXIII and celebrate the past 10 years of the center thanks to your financial support. Thank you to all of those who have continuously supported the efforts of the center and those who have helped us become leaders in the Racine Community. We would be unable to do this without your donations. Contact John XXIII Educational Center at (262) 898-5664 to register. Please make checks available to John XXIII Educational Center at 1101 Douglas Ave. Racine, WI 53402. Thank you again for all your support!

## Slice of Advice from UW-Parkside

On Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, a UW-Parkside speaker visited John XXIII Educational Center to talk about college to our students. She also discussed the new free tuition program at Parkside, called Parkside Promise Plus. Our students were able to ask questions and get answers from our speaker, who was a first-generation Latina student. Thank you to our wonderful speaker for helping support our students!

## Get Creative! With RCC

Several of our students had the opportunity to learn about photography from the Racine Creative Center (RCC). Their volunteers showed our students how to take photos using professional cameras and lighting. Our students used Photoshop to apply edits to their pictures. In addition, our students had the chance to use the virtual reality (VR) headset, which creates a simulated environment, and their HoloLens, which transforms the space they are in with holograms. This event exposed our students to new technology that is changing how we perceive the world.

## Highlights from March



**Slice of Advice from UW-Parkside   3v3 Family Basketball Tournament   Get Creative! With RCC**

## Spotlights

### High School Student of the Month

Kasandra is a freshman at Case High School who has attended the center since middle school. She always arrives to the center motivated to finish her work. She comes to the center ready to learn and improve in her work. Her positive energy makes her a joy to work with. Kasandra is an excellent student and stands out with her work. She is always willing to help her peers and the center when asked. Congratulations Kasandra! Keep being awesome!

### Middle School Student of the Month

Daniel is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Catherine's Middle School who has started attending the center just this year. Daniel is consistent and always has a lot of energy when he comes in. He has made a great effort to be more positive and do his work. Daniel is a great student who with the right support, has a bright future. He is sharp and is a quick learner! Congratulations Daniel! Keep pushing forward!

### Mentor of the Month

Matt Peterson is our mentor of the month. While this year has been challenging due to his mentee's schedule, Matt always makes time for his mentee, whether it be a Wednesday or a Thursday. He is very supportive of his mentee not just academically but also personally. Since his student is a part of Countdown2College, he attended the first meeting with his mentee because he was nervous. Matt constantly checks in with him and shows that he wants the best for him. Thank you, Matt for all the awesome work you do for the students!

### Tutor of the Month

Diya Mehra tutors our middle school students once a week. She supports our students academically and connects with them on a personal level. She always brings a positive energy with her, and it shows when she works with our students. Diya is a wonderful addition to the center and cares about the students she works with. Thank you for your amazing work, Diya!