



Student of the Year Nomination, 2023-2024

During MESA Day, we will recognize a student from each school with a MESA Student of the Year Certificate and a gift. Please nominate a student that you feel embodies the **Invention Education Inventor Traits and Dispositions** listed below (feel free to use the examples from the next page in your nomination, if applicable):

1. Empathy
2. Creativity
3. Curiosity
4. Resilience
5. Calculated Risk-Taking
6. Passion
7. Resourcefulness
8. Tolerance for Ambiguity & Complexity

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Listed below are just a few ideas from the [Framework for Invention Education](#) that may be helpful for you as you consider what to emphasize in the nomination form.

1. **Empathy** - Listens to viewpoints other than just their own, understands variety of perspectives, the ability to understand the challenges or needs of others
2. **Creativity** - Ability to pair things in an unanticipated way to reveal untapped potential
3. **Curiosity** - Alertness to practical problems and opportunities; intentional focus on both large overarching system and on small micro components
4. **Resilience** - Embraces failure as a learning experience, ability to work towards delayed gratification, critical stance toward their own work
5. **Calculated Risk-Taking** - Conservation of energy where possible in order to minimize unnecessary exposures
6. **Passion** - Optimistic commitment to vision coupled with flexibility to contemplate novel ways to achieve desired end result
7. **Resourcefulness** - Seeks solutions with available resources, seeks ways to increase available resources
8. **Tolerance for Ambiguity & Complexity** - Comfort working on the margins of established knowledge, willingness to become immersed in multilayered problem set



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Name of MESA Student: _____

School Attending: _____

Current Grade Level: _____

Advisor Name: _____

Please provide a brief summary below about why this student deserves recognition (250 words max).