



ABIMAEEL ORTIZ

Age 17
Lakeside High School

Hard work, determination, and not settling for average results is what fuels Abi to be the best he can be, and he encourages those around him to do the same. He rises to challenges, effectively problem solves, and leads by example.

Abi is captain of the Lakeside football and wrestling team and is the 215# heavyweight champion in the CVC Conference. Abi uses his athletic ability and status as captain to act as a role model for the younger generations. At the beginning of the school year, Abi and his teammates went to Ashtabula Area City Schools to greet students with high fives and fist bumps to encourage students to start their day with a smile. Abi also is a member of the youthOPPORTUNITIES! Leadership Program and plays in the school orchestra. A popular student, Abi was also crowned the 2023 Homecoming King.

Abi has participated in community cleanup days, has made food boxes at the Country Neighbor Program in Orwell, as well as distributed meals, and volunteered at G.O. Ministries in Ashtabula. Being bilingual helps Abi connect with many people and help them effectively communicate their needs.

Abi balances school, athletics, extracurriculars, and a job at Red Lobster, yet still makes time for others. His nominator attributes his love for others as one of the greatest qualities that he holds.



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