

Jordan High student wins national award

Julian Plowden, a senior at Jordan Vocational High School, has been named a winner of the Discus Award, a new national award that honors all-around high school students who demonstrate excellence and engagement both inside and outside of school.

Looking beyond just grades, test scores, and win-loss records, the Discus Awards (www.DiscusAwards.com) recognize students who excel in at least three areas that demonstrate their multi-dimensional talents and passions, including community service, work, technology, athletics, academics, and the arts. Students can apply by visiting the site's nomination page at www.discusawards.com/nominate.php.

The Discus Awards offer a valuable resource for teens looking to show colleges the full range of their di-

verse strengths and interests in today's changing admissions landscape. Anyone can enter, and applicants are even encouraged to submit videos and images which, if they win, become part of a public online profile.

As a Discus Award winner, Julian now has a multimedia profile (www.discusawards.com/winner.php?id=2231) on the Discus Awards site that can be shared with college admissions officers. Winning the award also makes Julian eligible for a \$2,000 Discus Scholarship, which will be awarded to one Discus Award winner each month of the school year.

Winners are selected by a judging panel of teachers, counselors, and education professionals.

"The qualities we spotlight are known to be among the best predictors of future success, making the Discus Awards an in-

valuable tool for colleges in search of the next freshman class stars," said Devin Schain, CEO of the Discus Awards and Campus Direct.

"The Discus Awards provide recognition and support for the kind of students who will thrive in a world that increasingly requires creative thinking, enthusiasm, and a wide range of strengths."

Students may nominate themselves for a Discus Award or be nominated by parents, teachers, counselors, coaches, or friends. Students write short essays describing their accomplishments in three out of ten major categories, or attributes, of student life: Academics, Arts, Athletics, Community Service, Faith, Government, Green, Technology, Work, and Other Achievements. Nominees also are encouraged to upload photos and videos that illustrate their



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achievements. To broaden the initial reach of the awards and scholarship, the Discus Awards has partnered for launch with Cappex.com, a comprehensive college search and scholarship portal that helps students and parents make college decisions.

The Discus Awards were created by Campus Direct, a leading educational services company, and Recognition Media, a producer of major awards programs including The Webby Awards and The Telly Awards.

— Gretchen Griffin