



The Jefferson Awards for Public Service
De La Salle High School
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Deloitte.

De La Salle Proudly Announces Roberto Moises De Leon as its October Award Winner!

Our Winner:

Roberto Moises De Leon wins the October Jefferson Award at De La Salle High School for his steadfast dedication to his school and his community, as well as the staggering amount of time which he has spent helping them.

Roberto volunteers for a diverse variety of organizations. From his service to his faith as an Altar Server, his service to his community as a tutor for poor children and disabled Spanish-speaking children, to his service towards the school as an astoundingly active member of LaSallian Youth, Roberto embodies the type of young man that the Jefferson Awards organization seeks to recognize.

When asked about Roberto Moises De Leon, one De La Salle teacher referred to him as a “Volunteer machine”. This title is far from exaggeration, as Roberto has approximately volunteered just short of 300 hours in 2008 alone. Yet what makes Roberto deserving of a Jefferson Award is that he is so *unlike* a machine. Throughout this overwhelming amount of service, he has never lost sight of his purpose or his passion. While a machine mindlessly accomplishes any task assigned to it, Roberto understands and enjoys the impact of his presence and constantly seeks further service opportunities.

We are proud to award Roberto Moises De Leon with the October Jefferson Award for Public Service.

About The Jefferson Awards:

In 1972, the Jefferson Awards for Public Service were founded by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, U.S. Senator Robert Taft, Jr. and Sam Beard to create a Nobel Prize for public and community service. The Jefferson Awards are presented on two levels: national and local. National award recipients are a “Who’s Who” of American history makers. Four Supreme Court Justices have been honored including Thurgood Marshall and Sandra Day O’Connor; seven Secretaries of State including Cyrus Vance and Colin Powell; three first ladies: Barbara Bush, Rosalyn Carter and Betty Ford; as well as Alan Greenspan; Bob Hope and Lance Armstrong, among over 100 others.

The Jefferson Awards Youth Service initiative was created in partnership with Deloitte in order to encourage high school students to get involved in volunteering and community service. The goal is to double volunteering in America’s high schools, build student leadership, and encourage ethical decision-making.

The Jefferson Awards-Deloitte Youth Service Initiative is operating in 104 high schools in four communities- San Francisco, Chicago, Florida, and Delaware. In the Bay Area, the program underwriters include Wells Fargo, ATT, the United Way of the Bay Area, and All Stars Helping Kids.