I recommend Dylan Zurflueh for the academic excellence award in the area of welding. Dylan is a student who demonstrates both a strong work ethic and desire to master the craft of welding. This has translated into an ability to fabricate any tough welding project that comes through the door as well as to completing two industry certifications. This is quite the accomplishment for a professional in the industry, let alone a junior in high school. Dylan plans to add to his certification tally prior to graduation which I am sure he will complete with ease. This will be done because of his strong work ethic. Dylan is often not only seen completing fabrication tasks thrown his way, but also mentoring younger students in the classroom. His commitment to seeing a project from start to finish is manifested in his sacrifice of his own time. Dylan uses his time during 7th period and can often be seen staying long after his class has ended to ensure a project he is doing is not only completed but finished correctly and with quality. I look forward to both this semester and next year as Dylan masters his craft prior to heading into industry.

~ Anthony Cavan