Mr. Kim is a senior in AP Literature and it’s been a true pleasure to be his English teacher this year. He is, what can only be called, a passionate reader. Whether we are discussing The Iliad or Jane Eyre, rarely does a day go by without an impassioned outburst from Mr. Kim, running the gamut from, “I can’t believe this is happening,” (Othello) to “How can he not know?” (Oedipus) to “This is how it ends?” (The Crucible). He has engaged and entertained us all with his fiery and spirited reactions and grappled with the subject matter in a truly admirable way, transforming his emotional responses into sophisticated and empathic written analyses. This award, however, would be incomplete without acknowledging Mr. Kim’s sterling character, which will undoubtedly take him as far as his intellectual prowess: 1) if he stumbles over a word while reading aloud and someone corrects him, he always thanks the person before continuing to read, and 2) because there are more seats than students in 7th period, he always, without fail, stays after class to put up the remaining chairs. Though I am proud to have been his teacher, that kind of humility and generosity cannot be taught. Congratulations on a wonderful year and a wonderful future, JB!

~ Tonya Heitman