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State Board of Education Honors February Student of the Month

Esther Tetruashvily, a senior at Cherokee High School in Burlington County, was recognized today by the State Board of Education as the February Student of the Month.

Tetruashvily is the founder and president of her school's Women for Women International Club, a member of the World Affairs Council, a member of the Asian, Russian, Spanish and Latin clubs, and the school's varsity field hockey back-up goalie.

She is also a peer mediator and leader, a member of the school choir, and an honor roll student.

"When we honor the best students in the state each month, we are thinking of students like Esther Tetruashvily," said State Board of Education President Dr. Arnold G. Hyndman. "Her dedication across the board is evident. She is the definition of a well-rounded and successful student."

"Ms. Tetruashvily's record is exceptional," said Commissioner of Education Lucille E. Davy. "She is a shining example of people who will lead the 21st century workplace, and we look forward to seeing her excel as she moves on."

Tetruashvily founded her school's Women for Women International Club three years ago. In that time, she has organized fundraisers for women suffering from civil strife in Rwanda, Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan.

During her senior year, Tetruashvily is enrolled in Advanced Placement courses in English, modern European history, world cultures, Spanish, calculus and probabilities and statistics. She is also a member of the concert choir.

Each month, the State Board of Education recognizes a student or group of students from one of the 21 counties in New Jersey.

Last month, the board honored Kimberly Lin and Joyce Holowatch, two 10th-graders at the Middlesex County Academy for Science, Mathematics and Engineering Technologies.