

Eelise Riddle
2020 FLAM Excellence in Foreign Language Study Award
Middle School



The Excellence in Foreign Language Study Award - Middle School is awarded to a middle school 5th to 8th grade foreign language student who exhibits superior performance in the foreign language class.

Eelise Riddle is our Excellence in Foreign Language Study Award middle school recipient and she is a 7th grader at Ladue Middle School in St. Louis, Missouri. She has studied Spanish for eight years and is currently in the advanced Spanish class of Señora Megan Smallwood. Along with her regular studies at Ladue Middle School, she has played on the basketball team *Team Sacrifice* for three years. Her future aspirations are currently to become either a veterinarian or a zoologist and she plans to continue the study of the Spanish language in high school and college. She aims to become fluent before she graduates high school. Eelise said "Spanish as a second language could open many doors. Ultimately, I will continue my studies in order to travel the world, caring for some of the most beautiful and exotic animals."

"Eelise Riddle is an exemplary student and stands out as one of the best of my entire teaching career of twelve years. She displays amazing character as she is kind, conscientious, responsible, and eager to learn. Eelise breaks the mold by coming to class each day ready to listen and speak Spanish. Next school year, Eelise is planning to travel to Panama and Colombia for the 8th grade Spanish trip. She is excited to have the opportunity to use her skills in an authentic environment and learn about the cultures in these two Spanish speaking countries."

- Megan Smallwood, Spanish teacher, Ladue Middle School

"In the classroom, Eelise achieves at a very high level and is dedicated to her studies. I am consistently impressed by her work, as are her classmates. The effort that Eelise puts forth does not go unnoticed. Other students seek her out for advice and see her as a positive academic role model, and she is always willing to assist her peers."

- Elizabeth Rendine, 7th grade ELA teacher, Ladue Middle School