

## The Franklin Virtual Academy Names Student of the Month



A strong work ethic and a desire to obtain her high school diploma helped Audrey Villalobos be named the FVA January Student of the Month.

Audrey Villalobos, the daughter of Nikki and Rocky Reagan, began with the FVA in the fall of 2015 as a 10th grader. The family moved to PA from Washington state where Audrey was enrolled in a cyber-school. She wanted an online option to continue with her PA education.

When Audrey and her mom, Nikki, met with Gail Schuyler, CASD/Franklin Virtual Academy district liaison, to discuss enrollment, it was evident that Audrey had a strong desire to

obtain her high school diploma, although she did not transfer with many credits.

"Audrey impressed me with her will to succeed, I could tell that she would be a hard worker and although she was behind in credits, she had the end goal in mind of a diploma and was willing to work hard to achieve it," said Miss Schuyler. However, in Audrey's first year as an FVA student, she only obtained two credits.

"This academic year Audrey is taking five credits due to her responsibilities as a full-time employee. As a junior, it is evident that although she must work, she still has a burning desire to get her high school diploma. Audrey has a great work-ethic; she has the grit and rigor to succeed," noted Miss Schuyler.

Audrey just completed her first semester courses on January 17th. She passed all three of her courses with her Algebra II course being the most difficult course. Since Audrey needed additional support in Algebra, Nichole Kunkle, CASD/FVA teacher/instructor (shown in the above photo with Audrey), set up a schedule for the two of them to meet every Tuesday and Thursday for the past 10 weeks to work on Algebra II. In between these support sessions, Audrey was given a strict daily "to-do" list.

"Audrey changed her work schedule so that she could attend tutoring on Tuesday and Thursdays. She would always complete the 'to do' list of tasks before the next tutoring session even though the material was very difficult for her. It was refreshing to see a student work through the tough times and not give up," said Ms. Kunkle. "I am so proud of Audrey and her work ethic. We had a plan and she followed it."

"FVA has had a huge impact on me. I would have dropped out of school if Miss Schuyler and Ms. Kunkle didn't show me that they cared," Audrey said. "They make me feel like they want me to graduate and I will!"