

Tony (By Kevin)

Tony represents the heart and soul of the Greek God Zelus (pronounced Zelos). Zelus is the God of rivalry and competition, but along with being a fierce competitor he is also known for his relentless dedication. These characteristics are of paramount significance in ancient Greek culture where competition was considered sacred. In fact, to the Greeks, all acts of mastery were worthy of offering to the gods, because there is virtue in struggle and in striving for better. This is relevant to today in the sense that most acts of mastery require careful training and practice to perfect.

I chose this Greek God for Tony because he has been a fierce competitor as well as an intense contributor to his team project. However, despite a strong desire to win in every competition, Tony has been uplifting and supportive of others at every juncture. A hard worker, a dedicated team player, and a relentless preparer truly define the work that Tony has demonstrated this week.

Abby (By Kristyn)

Abby represents Hestia, Goddess of Hearth. Hestia's name means "hearth" or "fireplace," and her status shows how important the hearth was in life. Making and preserving fire was both essential and difficult for more primitive societies, which made household fire a sacred element at an early stage of history.

I chose this to Goddess to represent Abby because I witnessed her making and preserving a "fire" within her team. She is a great listener and able to take in the information from the team and then move forward with a plan.

Alexia (By Amy)

Athena is the goddess of wisdom and intelligence. Athena is the goddess of other things such as the arts, she loves to weave, she loves mathematics, skill, warcraft and wisdom, etc. She is very smart, brainy, and talented. Athena loves a good scroll, book, and even textbook. She is a very humble and modest goddess.

I chose this goddess for Alexia because she is brainy and seems like she loves to learn. She's been an excellent leader for her group by having the wisdom to know when to step in and the modesty to know when to let others take the lead.

Cassandra (By Heidi)

Artemis is the Goddess of the moon, the hunt, and young maidens. Artemis likes to appear as a regular mortal maiden of about twelve or thirteen, but don't let that fool you. Artemis is deadly with her bow, and doesn't suffer fools. She can be found roaming the countryside with her handmaidens, the Hunters of Artemis. Don't get in their way, and don't try to flirt

with them. These Girl Scouts do NOT sell cookies.

I chose Artemis to represent Cassandra because she appears to be shy and meek; yet underneath that timid demeanor is an inquisitive young lady. She's eager to seek out and "hunt" for new and exciting information and opportunities. Her depth of knowledge and detailed questions further speaks of her second to none abilities to problem-solve and succeed.

Logan (By Bob)

Janus is the god of choices and can bring objects into harmony. He also can create beginnings and endings. He tends to show up in vital times during a hero's quest and provides them with two choices. Then he allows the heroes to make their choice and continue with their quest. Although once the choice is made he will not allow them to go back and change their minds!

I chose Janus to represent Logan because he always seems to listen, combining differing perspectives within the group, and present the group with a choice on how to proceed. Logan can guide the group by providing these choices and then making sure they stick with them to navigate through the problem.

Maggie (By Gianluca)

Maggie represent Nike, the goddess of speed, strength, and victory. Nike, the messenger of victory, often appears carrying a palm branch, wreaths, or Hermes' staff. She frequently accompanied Zeus and Athena, bringing hope to those that they visited. She is now portrayed on trophies (and is even seen on certain Olympic medals) or hovering over victors in competition both in athletic events and wars.

I chose Nike for Maggie because she showed characteristics of each of Nike's reign. Speed in the driving simulator (reaching 100 miles per hour), strength in the biomechanics lab, and victory in bowling. Nike mainly chooses when people win and, let's be real, when Maggie lost she was really only choosing to let others win.

Salem (By Kazune)

Eos is the goddess of the dawn. She has a brother, the god of Sun, called Helios. Eos drives her two-horse chariot every day to lead Helios to the gate so that he can rise. And then she heralds the breaking of the new day. It's not just her job to announce the start of the day, but to support her brother throughout the day.

I chose Eos to represent Salem because she had demonstrated leadership and facilitated the group work from the early time of the team's formation. In the group, she is always with a great idea but also, she is good at listening to others. She can take the initiative to do what she is good at and humbly delegate to others what others can do. She can move the project forward by working effectively with the teammates.

Shawnece (By Olga)

Shawnece represents Demeter, Goddess of Agriculture. The name Demeter is supposed by some to be the same as *gê mêtêr*, that is, mother earth. Demeter was one of the quieter goddesses. As long as the crops were growing and the farmers were happy, Demeter was content. But don't underestimate her importance. If you wanted to eat, you had to make sure you kept on Demeter's good side. When Hades stole her daughter Persephone, Demeter stopped all plants from growing, and people started starving. Hard to make a cheeseburger with no grain for bread and no grass for the cows.

I have picked Demeter to represent Shawnece, because she may be quieter, it does not mean she is not at the forefront of the process. Her thoughtfulness and contributions are integral to the work of the team. Her kindness and generosity were the foundation for the success of the team's research.