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## **Maryland Student Honored with International Award**

**Arlington, Va., February 27, 2023** – Joshua Daniel Pangilinan Salvacion, of Great Mills, MD, received the 2022 Yes I Can Award for Technology from the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Joshua will be honored this January, along with other Yes I Can recipients at the CEC Convention and Expo in Orlando, Florida.

The Yes I Can Awards celebrate the achievements of children and youth with exceptionalities, encouraging these individuals to seek their highest potential and increase public awareness of the abilities, aspirations, and personal qualities of those with disabilities.

Joshua's hard work and dedication have made him a valuable asset to his school's video production and gaming community. In high school, Joshua took an interest in TV/video production, as well as gaming. He is always looking to contribute and learn. From setting up equipment for creative video projects, to writing scripts, to filming videos for his church, he always steps up to the plate.

Joshua is also a third-year member of his school's GAMERZ Club. He arrives to meetings early to set-up the equipment, trouble shoots when there are technology or gaming issues, and is team lead student of the club's technology team. Joshua combined his passions when he created a PSA video about the GAMERZ Club for the school to run. Their club gained several members thanks to his efforts.

He does all of this while excelling in his studies and mentoring fellow students in several classes. Joshua says "I have learned to speak up in school, both with my teachers and my peers. And this way, I can make sure I do good work and have good relationships with my peers and my teachers...I try to be a good student and lead by example!"

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to high-quality education that is inclusive and equitable for individuals with disabilities. Learn more about CEC at <a href="https://exceptionalchildren.org/">https://exceptionalchildren.org/</a>.

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