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ONE STUDENT AND ONE TEACHER WIN NEW CAR COURTESY OF desertFIAT

A **Middle College High School** senior and a **Wilson Elementary School** teacher each won a brand new FIAT on Saturday, May 13 as part of an incentive that rewards them for perfect attendance.

The It's a Gas to Go to Class and It's a Gas to Teach Class give students and teachers who didn't miss a day of school with a chance to win a variety of prizes, with the grand prize being a free 2017 car.

Middle College High School senior Juan Castro will head to college in the fall in his brand new car.

Juan, who drives a 15-year-old car, was the first student to win one of the many prizes and the fifth and final student to be called onstage to try for the car. In all his four years at Middle College, Juan has only missed five days of school.

"It's unbelievable," Juan said moments after his key turned on the car's ignition. "I'm still in shock."

For teacher **Naomi Wylie**, who has taught for the San Bernardino City Unified School District for 18 years, the experience of winning a new red, convertible seemed surreal.

"I was hoping to win something but to win the car..." Wylie said. "This car is going to be fun to drive."

Last year, as part of the It's a Gas to Go to Class, desertFIAT awarded Elizabeth Jimenez

of Indian Springs High School a new car because she had perfect attendance for the entire 2015–2016 school year. The desertFIAT dealership also paid the vehicle tax and license fees.

This year, the attendance incentive program was in place for just the second semester of this school year. Contest rules define perfect attendance as a student not missing more than three periods of their assigned schedule, and those absences must be properly excused.

All students enrolled in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 and attend Anderson, Arroyo Valley High, Cajon High, Community Day, Indian Springs High, Middle College High, Pacific High, San Andreas High, San Bernardino High, San Geronio High, or Sierra High Schools were eligible to participate in It's a Gas to Go to Class.

It's a Gas to Go to Class is sponsored by desertFIAT, the Making Hope Happen Foundation, and the San Bernardino City Unified School District. For more details, visit <http://www.desertfiat.com/itsagasSB.htm>.

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