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## The MAC Smallbore Shooter of the Month



The MAC Smallbore Shooter of the Month is Domenic Romanello of Canisius.

Domenic is a Senior from Glen Allen, Virginia. He is a dual major in Animal Behavior, Ecology & Conservation (ABEC) and Anthropology.

Dom joined the Rifle team as a Freshman and never shot competitively before coming to college. This year through practice and determination finally scored his first 500+ Smallbore score this fall. Last year he also qualified for NRA Sectionals at MIT and traveled with the team to Fort Benning, Georgia to compete in the NRA Intercollegiate National Match. This season, Dom continues to be part of our core top four team shooters. His enthusiasm and wit helps to motivate the entire group and contributes to the teams success.

Besides being involved with the Rifle Team, Dom has been very active in programs relating to his studies. Since his freshmen year at Canisius, Dom has been a part of "Team Ape", a primate research team through the Animal Behavior, Ecology, and Conservation Department. He has presented his research at various conferences such as Ignatian Scholarship Day, North Eastern Evolutionary Primatology, and a University at Buffalo Primate Symposium. Through his second major, the Anthropology chair has asked Dom to write an article for publication "Animals for the Arena". Researching primates at Canisius has allowed Dom the opportunity to fulfill his lifelong dream of saving the lemurs at Sainte Luce Reserve in Madagascar. He designed a study to monitor lemur populations, planted mangroves, built structures, educated the locals on conservation issues, and most importantly, became the Lemur Lord. Before Dom went to Madagascar, he went to Lajuma Research Center in South Africa with a select few students to research anthropogenic impacts on local wildlife. His backcountry experience, friendly personality, and impressive work ethic caught the attention of Dr. Frank Cuozz and Dr. Michelle Sauther who invited him back to South Africa this winter to continue researching bush baby behavior. Dom's lifelong passion has and will always be to save the lemurs. He plans to continue this passion into his graduate studies with programs in primate conservation that will allow him to not only be Lemur Lord but a Lemur Savior.



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## The MAC Air Rifle Shooter of the Month



The MAC Air Rifle Shooter of the Month is Susana Sanchez from John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Susana is a sophomore at John Jay College and a second year shooter. She came to the Rifle Team with no prior shooting experience but displayed a high level of drive and determination. In her first match of the 2017 – 2018 competition season she fired a 556. A month later she upped her score to 568. But her greatest accomplishment to date came in November when she fired a 585 at Coast Guard to lead the team to victory. She is currently ranked third in the MAC in Air Rifle with a 568.25 average.

When not practicing, Susana is busy with her studies for her Bachelor's degree in Criminology. She is also a team representative to the Student Athletes Activities Council. Her hobbies are reading and playing volleyball. Susana has a pleasant disposition, a sparkling personality and is well liked by her teammates. She is quick to volunteer to help her teammates with whatever they need. Susana lives in Kew Gardens, NY.