

I am so honored to have been chosen as the Rotary Student of the Month for April at Lakeville South High School. During my time at Lakeville South, I have been able to accomplish so many things. This is my second year being a member of the National Honor Society and I have also taken part in other clubs such as HOSA, Spanish Club, and Cribbage Club. I was a member of the Lakeville South Girls Basketball team for 5 years and as a senior, I was a captain of the team and recognized for Academic All State. Over the years, I improved not only athletically as a basketball player but also in my maturity as a leader. Despite our ups and downs as a team, I was able to lead my teammates vocally and also by setting an example with my work ethic. Through the basketball program, I became involved in a program that allowed me to mentor youth girls basketball players and share my love for the game of basketball.

My passion for basketball goes way beyond playing as I enjoy watching it as well. I also learned through youth basketball mentoring that I might enjoy coaching. This spring I have taken on the job as an assistant coach for a 7th grade girls basketball team. Last Spring during quarantine, I started running with my dad as a way to get out of the house. I found running to be very satisfying and a great way to relieve stress. It is a hobby that I hope to continue. When I'm not working out, I love to read, write, and do crafts. My favorite genres are historical fiction and mystery. It is really fascinating for me to think about all parts that come together to create a story. I keep multiple journals and like to write short stories, to doodle, and to make collages. One of my favorite crafts is friendship bracelet making and I love to give them to all my friends and family members.

I have met so many amazing people and have had so many great experiences at Lakeville South High School. I have met some of my best friends there and I can't wait to be back in class with them. Since my freshman year, I have had many memorable teachers that have left indelible imprints on my life. I am excited to be graduating this spring, but I know that if I ever need anything, I can always count on the teachers at Lakeville South. My favorite thing about attending Lakeville South is the overall sense of community. One of the things that I missed most about in person learning was being surrounded by students that have similar interests and aspirations as I do. We all wish to achieve great things and that makes for a positive and encouraging learning environment.

My future plans include attending the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire where I intend to study business and law while also continuing my basketball career. After I receive my undergraduate degree, I hope to go to law school. As of now, I plan to pursue a career as a lawyer and help be a voice for others.

Again, I am so grateful to be recognized for my hard work during my time at Lakeville South High School. I am very excited to be transitioning back to in person learning so I will be able to finish my high school career in the building that I started in 4 years ago. I would like to conclude by thanking the Rotary for honoring me as their Rotary Student of the Month for April.