

SCHS October 2021 Student of the Month



Sullivan County High School chooses one student per month who represents the values of our school. Students may be nominated by teachers for various reasons including academics, citizenship, leadership, and significant events or achievements. After reviewing these qualities, Zoe Pedro has been selected as the October 2021 student of the month.

Zoe Pedro is the daughter of Chris and Nikki Pedro. She is very active both in and out of school participating in FBLA, NHS, Student Government, Ski Club, Drama Club, Athletic Training Club, Soccer, Track, and Scholarship Challenge. On top of all that, she works two jobs waitressing at the Jolly Trolley and the Forksville Inn. She says that out of all of these, she's especially excited for this year's ski club since it did not take place last year and she really enjoys skiing. Outside of her scheduled activities, she is an avid traveler. Zoe has been to several countries including Germany and Belize, and has traveled to over half of the United States. She looks forward to continuing to travel for the rest of her life. Out of all the places that she has been to so far, Zoe's ideal place to live would be the beaches of Hawaii; it is amazing over there.

Zoe describes herself as smart, funny, and hardworking. She states that school in general is a strength for her. Her friends would describe her as funny, determined, and hardworking and she agrees, "I do work my butt off." Zoe is most proud of her involvement in the gifted education program since 3rd grade. She is both proud and

thankful for all of her achievements there that have helped her refine her skills to where she is today.

Recently, Zoe has rediscovered her joy of creating art with a variety of mediums like drawing, painting, and working with clay. Her skills were recognized last year as she won first place and Choice of Show in the art show. She thanks her art teacher, Mr. Wiesner, for his support of her as both an artist and a student. He pushes "me to do my best and I've applied that push to other things in my school life. He's one of my biggest fans." She appreciates the fun that is experienced while getting things done as well as the opportunity to try new things while in art class." Zoe thanks Mr. Wiesner for these opportunities.

After high school, Zoe plans to attend Georgia Southern University to pursue a degree in radiology and is excited in the ability to choose a concentration to focus her studies on specific parts of radiology. She acknowledges that she has always had an interest in learning more about human anatomy, working in the medical field, and helping people.

Thinking back over her time at Sullivan County, Zoe's advice to younger students is to get involved with different clubs and activities to meet new friends. She stresses the importance of doing your best and if you aren't quite good enough then, "Oh well, just keep going. It is what it is. Be willing to let things go." She says there are lots of things in life that you cannot change, so you need to be prepared to deal with them and move on. When prompted about her favorite memory of SCHS, Zoe responded her favorite part of her day is listening to her friend Sean talk and laugh. The two of them grew up together and she continues to look forward to seeing him each day.