

Student of the Month: September 2021

Alice Polcrack



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

Alice Polcrack is the daughter of Erik and Jane Polcrack. Although her classmates would often simply describe her using the word “smart”, her teachers would add that she is very responsible, reliable, and a joy to have in class as she actively participates in most lessons. Alice adds more describing herself as a quick learner who is adaptive to new situations and is good at time management. A fun fact about Alice is that she enjoys cooking and doesn’t follow recipes.

In addition to her academic achievements, Alice stands out as she is and has been very active in clubs and activities both in and out of school. While in school, she has been a member of Student Government since 7th grade helping plan events. She is currently the

copresident of FBLA helping with fundraising, volunteering, collecting paperwork, etc. She states one of her biggest achievements was being the only freshman to go to FBLA states. She is also the president of the Ski Club and is a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, she is the president of the County Council in 4H and is looking to run for 4H state council. She also volunteers at a local animal shelter helping socialize new animals, walking dogs, and cleaning.

Alice has had lots of inspiration throughout her high school career. One of the teachers that impacted her the most was Mr. Sandonato, who, though she did not have an interest in pursuing the music field, encouraged her to try her best in music. She felt that her appreciation of music deepened as well as for the level of dedication needed. She states “he believed in me even when I never believed in myself.” Some of her favorite memories of SCHS come from band and chorus when going on trips or marching. Another teacher that inspired her was Mr. Miller who encouraged her to think deeper and push harder in school. He also inspired her to go into science, specifically the medical field. She explains, “Without his class, I wouldn’t know as much about the world as I do now.”

After high school, Alice plans to indeed go into the medical field to create a customized degree of both medicine and government. When asked what made her choose this route, she explained that the pandemic actually helped her in a way as it made her “realize that there is a genuine and severe need for doctors in our country.” She added that doctors do not always listen to patients as much as they should and she wants to provide a listening ear. She plans to add the government side of her degree as she considers moving from being a doctor to a politic-based field such as being a politician and/or helping make policies.

After participating in many activities herself, Alice’s advice to younger high school students is to “get heavily involved in a few clubs early”. She expresses the importance of being more passionate about the clubs that you are active in as it is better to be heavily involved in a few than surface level on many. She also advises younger students to “get started on the college process earlier than you think.”

Alice Polcrack is an outstanding representative of Sullivan County School District. She is an example to her peers as she is kind, hardworking, and very active in her school and community. From all of us here at SCHS, we wish Alice the best of luck in all her future endeavors!