

Auburn School District
Outstanding Juniors

Class of 2021



Auburn School District proudly introduces the Auburn School District's class of 2021 Outstanding Juniors. The following students have been selected by their staff in each of the four high schools based on their attitudes, their kindness, and the impact they have made on other students. During their three years, they have astonished their teachers and school staff with their spirit and good nature. We congratulate them on all of their hard work.



Auburn High School



Chloe Barney



Chloe is an outstanding student and leader. She does everything in her power to lift up others around her. She is a multi-sport athlete, participates in leadership, and is a wonderful collaborator. She is willing to work hard and put in extra effort when others are trying to get out of doing things. She is a great role model for her peers.

- ***“In my senior year I hope to participate in as many school events as I can before it comes to an end. As well as participating I hope to just do really well in my classes and make lots of new connections with people!”***

Claire Casperson



Claire is a wonderful person and student! She is passionate, hard-working, and very talented. Claire is also a natural leader, and helps others be motivated to have higher expectations for themselves too. She is a model student, completing work, asking questions, providing support to her peers without providing answers; She is a model athlete, working hard during practice, competing at a high level and cheering on her teammates. She is a model leader, respectful, hard working-she leads through example.

- *“My senior year I hope to break the school triple jump record and be named an all-state violinist. I also hope to be friendly to everyone and try to remain stress-free :)”*

Connor Howat



Connor is an athlete, scholar, an an outgoing/friendly person to all. He is responsible, mature, and takes academics and art seriously. He is a 3 sport athlete and a dominating forces in all 3 seasons. While his athleticism is impressive, his quiet leadership and support of his teammates is what makes him invaluable to both of his coaches and teammates. He is the first one to step up when someone needs support. He is kind and genuine at heart and strong in character.

- *“I want to continue to be a good influence on others and maintain good grades through my senioritis.”*

Olivia Lindsey



Olivia is an excellent student and is so kind to her peers and her teachers. She gets along with everyone and is always willing to help. She is on the Varsity Volleyball team and is involved in other school activities as well. Olivia is a fantastic student with great enthusiasm for school, teachers and peers

- ***“I plan on leaving my senior year knowing that I made as many people smile as I could, and to have the ability to look back and know that every word I said to somebody else was that of progression and kindness. I would like to accomplish satisfaction, and whatever that entails!”***

Amar Rivers



Amar is a great kid, acting as a role model for his peers and always jumping at the chance to help. He is a hardworking and diligent student and athlete. Amar is a leader on the basketball court and has been instrumental in the success of the team this season. He has the ability to remain poised and confident, even during the most intense game situations. He is also an incredible student, working hard in the classroom to maintain a high GPA in honors and AP courses. Amar is quick with his smile and positive attitude, and is a positive role model in every aspect of his high school experience.

“I want to graduate high school and attend a good college.”

Sara Tilia



Sara arrives to each of her classes happy and upbeat. She is genuine in her welcome of classmates. Often Sara openly cheers for her classmates or teacher during great news share outs. Sara is a very sweet young lady who loves working with people. The quality of her work reflects a young lady who demonstrates consistent good faith work effort. I love how Sara lines up to take on tasks or roles she is unsure of. While most are intimidated, Sara takes each experience with the tenacity and courage of a tiger.

- *“My name is Sara and what I want to accomplish this year is to develop more on my acting skills while finishing my last year strong and having the most fun for my last year of high school.”*

Owen VanDerPuy



Owen goes all in-no matter what. In the classroom he completes all work at a high level, provides insightful conversation and respectfully challenges opinions; on the field he pushes himself to be the best at his position and encourages his teammates to do the same; as a Trojan he is the biggest fan providing encouragement at the highest level. Owen is an excellent student and DECA member....in other words, highly cloneable.

- *“My goals for my senior year include getting into a good four-year college, maintaining my 4.0 GPA, and positively impacting my school as Auburn’s ASB Treasurer.”*

Keegan Yu



Keegan is a dedicated student, a strong leader, and a hard-working athlete. He is always prepared, always willing to help, asks excellent questions, and is a great collaborator. He has a quick smile for everyone he meets and is the first student to step up and help when needed.

- ***“During my senior year I plan to achieve a 3.7 or higher of a gpa and create a good environment as the vice president of the senior class. I also want to have a great season as a football player.”***

***Auburn Mountainview
High School***



Berkley Alfrey



“I plan on excelling in my academics and athletics through my senior year and helping lead the school through my new position of ASB Exec Treasurer”

Berkley can be described as a gentle giant, unless he’s on the football field! He is extremely passionate about football and his coaches describe him as a quiet leader that leads by his example of diligence and hard work. He is also very thoughtful and kind. Being the 5th child out of 6 kids, he loves it when all his siblings, brother in-laws and nephews come home to visit. It’s not uncommon for Berkeley to stay close to home and near his family. He loves his family so much and has the biggest heart that he will give up being outside just to sit near us. Berkley doesn’t say much but when he does, his words are full of wisdom and kindness. He’s also aware of people around him who may need a friend and isn’t afraid to reach out to them. I love how big Berkley dreams. He wants to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After that, he plans on playing college football. His other dream is to be an orthodontist. Not only does Berkley work hard on the football field, he also works hard in the classroom. Because he is such a hard worker, full of passion, and self-driven; we as his family believe he will achieve all he sets out to do!

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Keanu Mailoto



Keanu Mailoto is easily one the kindest students that we have at AMHS. He always treats his classmates, teammates, and teachers with respect. He is a great athlete and has performed amazingly over the past three years on the Football, Basketball, and Track teams, but that is not what I think of when I think about Keanu. I think about how he makes everyone around him a little bit happier with his infectious attitude and positivity. Keanu will go on to great things on a college campus and will continue to make the world a better place after he is done with sports and school. Auburn Mountainview is a much better place because Keanu goes to school here.

Joy Mordo



Joy Mordo is an exemplary student. She's a hard worker and avid leader. Joy delivered the keynote address at our Black History Month Assembly and is the 2020/2021 president of AMHS Black Student Union. She's a full-time Running Start student (besides Orchestra) and has many plans and ideas on how to better serve her community at AMHS during her senior year. Joy participates in our AMHS volleyball program and is an amazing teammate. We are lucky to have her continuously developing leadership attributes in our building.

- ***“During my senior year I hope to further advocate for students of color by providing spaces for them to express themselves. I would also like to be more outspoken in the programs I participate in so I can create better relationships with my peers.”***

Devyn Nelson



Devyn is an outstanding individual that represents the best of Auburn Mountainview. She is a natural leader and possesses an exceptional work ethic. In addition to a 4.0 GPA, Devyn participates in a multitude of extracurricular activities including Water Polo, Debate, and Swimming. She was a swim captain this year, and will be the Senior captain next season. You can always count on her to step up in whatever way necessary, and never even have to ask. Devyn sets some incredibly lofty goals for herself both athletically and academically. She is dedicated, hard working, and it is without doubt that she will achieve all that she sets out to accomplish. She always represents the Lions in the best way possible!

- *“Next year I want to accomplish leading my swim team to go back to state, maintain my gpa, qualify for speech state again, and win division two with my team in waterpolo.”*

Rachel Pierce



Rachel Pierce is as delightful as she is competent. She applies herself well in class, consistently earning high marks. She works well with her peers and treats everyone with courtesy and respect. She is a positive person who is fun to be around. Rachel is a person of great integrity and maturity. It is always a pleasure to have her in class. Rachel has been a DECA rock star since her freshman year. Working on her Stress Less project and making it amazing has been a passion of hers. She and her partners never stop making it better and earned their way to compete at the International Competition in Nashville this year. Of course the Covid Crisis put an end to that plan Rachel is an amazing asset to our Lions Soccer team with her positive attitude and great work ethic. Thanks Rachel for your kind spirit, amazing work ethic and all your contributions to AMHS.

- *“I would like to finish my senior year with straight A’s and graduate with a cumulative of 3.8 or higher. I’m also looking forward to being a soccer captain with some of my close friends as well as participate in other senior year activities. Overall, I am eager to begin my senior year and enjoy the upcoming experiences of a closing chapter.”*

Harjot Singh



Harjot Singh is the epitome of a student leader. This is his second year in Lion Crew and he takes his role as a peer mentor to the next level. He is a young man that thinks on his feet and can take changes in stride. He often stopped by my classroom just to clarify what he would be working on with his freshman during CORE/Choice. This past fall we added him to our student equity board and he had a platform to make changes and used his voice to reach many staff members. He comes in early to assist with anything he commits to see through. This past February he turned in the paperwork for a Punjabi Club and then we were suddenly thrown into a pandemic. Just to clarify the heart of Harjot and his servant's heart, he just asked last week if Lion Crew could adopt the road in front of our school as a service project because it was looking a little rough. This 4.0 kid is for real and we all can't be more proud of all that he does for others! He is awesome!

- **“I plan to maintain my 4.0 GPA for the remainder of Senior year. I plan to keep participating within our schools activities, such as Lion crew, AMHS Cafe, and our ASB team. But most of all I plan to enjoy my senior year and try to bring as many smiles to people's faces as possible.”**

Alyssa Smith



Alyssa Smith is an outstanding junior at Auburn Mountainview High School. She is a student that teachers dream to have in class due to her perseverance, kindness, and leadership. She leads first with kindness which creates an open and welcoming environment. Whether through the Robotics team, in a STEM class like AP Calc, or a humanities course like AP US History, Alyssa is a beacon of intelligence and kindness that embodies the best leader. And of course her musical talent is incomparable (her 30something history teacher is greatly jealous of Alyssa's piano skills). Her smile and sense of humor make each class better. Thank you, Alyssa, for being you!

- “I plan to continue with robotics and jazz band.”

Quynh Vo



Quynh Vo is this years WA Microsoft Office Specialist Champion in Word 2016 for 2019-2020. Quynh is one of twelve students in WA State to obtain WA Championship. To qualify for WA State Championship, students need the fastest times and highest score on their Microsoft Office Specialist industry certification exam. Quynh would have been competing in the MOS US Nationals in June in Dallas, Texas but this event was cancelled due to Covid. We are waiting to hear how students can compete online for US Nationals with the opportunity to compete in MOS World Competition. Last year Quynh won WA MOS Champion in Excel 2016 and placed in the top 10 for MOS US Nationals in Orlando, Florida. Quynh has shown her brilliance since her freshman year as a Microsoft Office Specialist. Quynh is a student who is bright, competitive, bubbly, funny, positive, accountable, friendly and loves to learn. Quynh maintains a 4.0 grade point average. She is simply the best

- *“Hi! Next year, I hope to graduate and eventually figure out what I want to do for the future, while remaining active in some extracurriculars and keep up with the schoolwork/tasks that senior year might push onto me! :)”*

*Auburn Riverside High
School*



Ellie Walter-Goodspeed



Ellie Walter-Goodspeed is an outgoing, positive and highly engaged student at Auburn Riverside. Ellie is a Varsity Volleyball and Tennis athlete. Ellie's concern for others is clear with her involvement as a leader and with her outreach for others. She is a Raven Crew Leader, in Hope Squad, a Facilitator for Raven Forums and maintains a 3.9 GPA. Exuding joy and energy, Ellie is a strong leader at ARHS.

- *“Next year I plan to graduate and go to college. I also hope to get as involved as I can for my senior year so I can support other Ravens at sporting events and through clubs!”*

Emma Halford



Emma Halford is a high spirited, dedicated Junior at Auburn Riverside. Emma is a Cross Country Captain and in Varsity Water Polo. This year in her first year in Forensics, she qualified for Nationals in Speech and Debate, Emmis is a Raven Crew Leader, a member of Hope Squad, a Raven Forum Facilitator and is Public Relations Officer on Exec Board. Emma maintains a 3.95 GPA while spreading spirit at ARHS.

- *"For next year I have a lot of hopes. My top two goals are getting accepted to the US Naval Academy as well as increasing involvement at ARHS by students of all cultures."*

Katelin Kabeesypha



Katelin Kabeesypha leads her peers with calm and compassion. Katelin is a Raven Crew Leader, a Varsity Gymnastics athlete is a Raven Forum Facilitator and is in Key Club. She quietly completes acts of service and kindness throughout Auburn Riverside, making her school and the world a better place through her actions.

- ***“Senior year I want to continue doing what I love, such as gymnastic, Keyclub, Nhs. My goal is become more positive and productive because I feel happy seeing people smile”***

Max Kliewer



Max Kliewer is a fun and well rounded leader at Auburn Riverside. Max is a Varsity Cross Country and Track athlete. He is a Raven Crew Leader, and sings beautifully in Concert Choir. Max is the ASB Exec Board Junior LASC officer. Max dedicates himself to making Auburn Riverside a school where all students know they belong.

- *“For my senior year I hope to make everyone at school feel equal and that their voice and opinions matter. I also am hoping to figure out what my plans after high school are.”*

Jasmin Muneton



Jasmin Muneton is a state level Varsity Track and Cross Country athlete. Jasmine demonstrates caring and leadership as a Raven Crew Leader and as a Junior Class officer. She rounds out her talents by being musically inclined and a member of ARHS' Wind Ensemble. Jasmin is kind and outreaching to all.

- *“I plan on maintaining good grades and to receive a scholarship”*

Emily Paris



Emily Paris is truly a servant leader who encourages everyone she encounters. Emily is a Varsity Tennis and Cross Country athlete. Emily is deeply involved at Auburn Riverside: She is in Orchestra, is a Raven Crew Leader, ASB Exec Board Secretary, a member of Hope Squad, and is a Raven Forum Leader. She participates in all these activities while maintaining her 4.0 GPA. Emily is a kind and generous selfless leader.

- *“For my senior year, I look forward to serving as ARHS’ ASB President and hope to continue making our school an inclusive, loving, and positive environment for all!”*

Sam Spiciatti



Sam Spiciatti cares about the people around him and will do anything for anyone. Sam is a Varsity Basketball and Baseball athlete as well as a Raven Crew Leader. He takes his school work very seriously and puts in maximum effort in absolutely everything that he does. When a challenge presents itself, Sam takes it head on. Sam is a strong leader at ARHS. “Everyone around Sam truly loves him.”

- *“Senior year I look to bring a positive attitude to school and make Riverside a better place. I’m also going to play basketball and baseball and look to keep my GPA high”*

Gunnar Tang



Gunnar Tang is a Varsity Cross Country and Soccer athlete. He consistently works hard and has a great rapport with his fellow teammates. Gunnar is also in Chamber Orchestra and is a Raven Crew Leader. Gunnar's smile is contagious and he is a positive leader at Auburn Riverside.

- *“I plan to fill my senior year with memories that will last the rest of my life. If this year has taught me anything it's that nothing should be taken for granted as it can all be taken away in an instant.”*

*West Auburn High
School*



Destinee McKinion



Destinee is a student that is reflective on her choices and when she makes a mistake is willing to acknowledge it. She always brings her smile to class and the West community. She truly cares about the staff and students and each morning checks in with them to let them know she is here to listen or share that she cares. She is always honest about her feelings and wanting others to see that things will always get better. Her positive attitude, kind heart and honest character make her an excellent example of West's Best.

Destinee not only tries hard to do her best in school but at her work site as well. She is an amazing people person and that is why they have her working at the front counter/window at McDonalds. She has a fan club at McDonalds as I have heard so many customers come regularly just to see Destinee

Mark Savitsky



This young man has done well in his classes, is always on top of his work and has had near perfect attendance. He is a positive example for other students hoping to make changes to ensure future successes. He is involved at school and is also a star on the Auburn Football team. He is a great example of a West Auburn Wolf student headed toward graduation and future success. Teachers love having him in class. Mark also has an amazing artistic talent and has drawn several logos and other pieces for West.

- *“For my senior year I plan to finish school with a diploma, and play football for the Auburn Trojans hopefully one last time before I touch that diploma.”*

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