

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Otter Valley Union High School

Braeden Waldie

Otter Valley Union High School is proud to recognize Braeden Waldie as its Student of the Week. He lives in Brandon with his parents and two younger brothers.

Throughout his years at Otter Valley, Braeden has consistently earned recognition for his academic achievement and leadership. He has been on the Principal's List every year since 7th grade and is a member of the National Honor Society. His academic excellence has been honored with awards including Excellence in Advanced Placement World History Modern, Excellence in American Studies, and the St. Anselm College Book Award. He is also the recipient of the University of Rochester Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Award, which comes with a \$5,000 merit scholarship each year for four years. In addition, Braeden has been recognized with an Excellence in Woodworking Certificate, as well as commendations for effort in math and literature. His leadership is reflected in his election as Class President and his selection to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum: Law and CSI. Braeden's contributions have also been celebrated through Otter Valley's PRIDE (Positive attitude, Respect, Integrity, Determination, Empathy) values recognition certificate, a Positive Postcard from staff for his efforts, and the selection of his artwork for both the Brandon Artists Guild Student Exhibition and the Otter Valley Art Show. He enjoys immersing himself in history, politics, writing and independent research projects.

"My great joy in academics is the study of history, specifically the Victorian Era and the Great War," he explains. His favorite classes are history and writing, and he especially appreciates conversations with Mr. Hall, whom he describes as humorous, lighthearted and highly knowledgeable about historical topics, and Mrs. Kretzer.

Reflecting on his academic journey, Braeden credits diligence and perseverance. He recalls spending three to four hours a night on assignments for his Advanced American Studies class, including a lengthy scrapbook project. To underclassmen, he suggests, "Through diligent work and continual effort you shall, even if one struggles, in all likelihood succeed. Even if you get grades below your expectations despite all this, you can at least pride yourself in knowing you had attempted it to the best of your ability." This past summer, Braeden ran the popcorn concession stand for Brandon's Music at the River's Bend concert series and will soon begin an internship with Bill Moore at the Brandon Town Office.

After graduation, Braeden plans to attend college to continue studying history, with hopes of one day teaching and possibly working in higher levels of government. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors!



Braeden Waldie
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Mount Abraham Union High School

Charlie Prouty

Mt. Abraham is proud to recognize Charlie Prouty, the senior class president, as student of the week. Charlie lives in Lincoln with his parents and their two dogs, Willie Nelson and Merle Haggard.

Charlie has consistently earned high and highest honors throughout high school. His favorite classes include AP Language and Composition, AP Art and Design, and Modern Band. When asked about his favorite teachers, he explained, "I can't pick one, but my favorite teachers all possess a shared ability to be empathetic, patient, offer honest but constructive feedback, and be supportive figures I can have meaningful conversations with."

Along with student government, Charlie is an integral member of the music and theater departments. Stating that he "loves all the opportunities offered here," Charlie has performed in lead roles since middle school. Many will remember him most recently as Beetlejuice, while some may recall his earlier role as William Barfée.

In addition, Charlie is a member of the Eagle Leadership Society, participates in the DREAM guided mentoring program at Bristol Elementary School and has spent his summers as a YMCA overnight camp counselor. Most recently, he attended a YMCA leadership conference where he earned his lifeguard certification, studied behavioral management, and learned valuable programming skills. In his spare time, Charlie enjoys listening to, playing and singing music. "I'm an avid drummer which can be misinterpreted as an annoying tapping problem," he joked. Beyond music, he especially loves participating in local theater, acting and musical performances.

Reflecting on his time at Mt. Abe, Charlie's advice to other students is that "you'll take out what you put in. Take advantage of all the incredible opportunities that surround us, submerge yourself into subjects and extracurriculars that appeal to what you enjoy. Get out of your comfort zone, get out of your head, and try things you might be hesitant about now but could grow to love."

Looking ahead, Charlie plans to attend college to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theater or Acting, and hopes to minor in film or media studies.

Congratulations, Charlie, on your accomplishments, leadership and commitment to the Mt. Abraham community!



Charlie Prouty
MAUHS

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