

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

## Otter Valley Union High School

### Drake Felkl

Otter Valley Union High School's latest Student of the Week is Drake Felkl. Drake lives in Sudbury with his parents.

Drake loves to learn new things. His favorite classes are science and history, and he names Mr. Hall as a favorite teacher because he engages the class with fun conversations and is just a "good history teacher."

Drake is a member of the National Honor Society, has been on the Principal's List, received the Otter Valley Empathy Award, and has served as team captain on both the football and wrestling teams. He has made a particular mark on the Otter Valley Wrestling team. Drake earned career win number 100 in his varsity wrestling career as a junior! At the Feb. 1 Mount Mansfield Tournament Drake got his 100th career win along with winning the 215 pound tournament championship! In this past football season, he was Division-III, second-team running back.

He notes that the most important lesson he has learned at Otter Valley is to "Never give up and whatever you do, do it at 100%."

In his free time, Drake loves to be outside. As such, he aims to major in Environmental Science at either Castleton State University, Paul Smith's College, or Western New England University.

Everyone in the Otter Valley community wishes Drake all the best!



**Drake Felkl**  
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## Mount Abraham Union High School

### Lila Brightman

Mt. Abraham proudly recognizes Lila Brightman as our Student of the Week. Lila resides in Lincoln with her parents Sadie and Nick, sister Carina, and pets Nellie and Leo.

Throughout her high school career, Lila has consistently achieved highest honors and received awards from the Music, French and Social Studies departments. Her favorite classes include AP English Literature, AP European History, and American Studies. She is also currently taking AP Music Theory through Virtual High School. Lila values combining viewpoints from both teachers and peers to create a complex understanding of the academic content. Her favorite teachers include Ms. Grzyb and Mr. Beckwith. Lila says, "Ms. Grzyb is amazing at connecting with students of all backgrounds and engaging them in a large variety of curricula. Mr. Beckwith is incredibly knowledgeable about his subjects and inspires students to dive into class more because of his passion and encouragement."

Beyond academics, Lila is deeply involved in the Mt. Abe community. She was a captain of the varsity soccer team this fall, serves as a mentor in the DREAM program and is a member of the Eagle Leadership Society. In addition, she is a prominent member of the music and theatre programs. She is president of the music department, has participated in District Chorus, All-State A Cappella Ensemble, and All-State Modern Band. Her theatrical roles include Cady Heron in "Mean Girls" and Anastasia in "Anastasia." She was a member of the A Cappella group, Sweet Transition, and served as Pitch her junior year. Lila is currently in the Modern Band Airport Drive.

Outside of school, Lila works as a camp counselor at the Middlebury Community Music Center during the summer and at Miso Toh Kome at Sugarbush in the winter. In her free time, she likes to sing, write songs, and play piano & guitar. She also enjoys reading, skiing and doing New York Times games.

Reflecting on her school experience, Lila shares, "High school is what you make of it. Your mindset has a huge impact on how much you enjoy school and extracurricular activities. If you choose to look at school through a positive lens, you will see how much opportunity there is to engage in incredible learning, meet amazing people through sports and activities, and develop who you are as a person. You have the choice to make these four years great, so go for it!"

Lila plans to attend a four-year college or university in the Northeast to pursue a degree in English. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors!



**Lila Brightman**  
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