

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

## Otter Valley Union High School

### Hannah Desabrais

Hannah Desabrais is Otter Valley Union High School's latest Student of the Week. She lives in Brandon with her mom, dad, sister and brother.

An active and dedicated student, Hannah stays busy year-round. During the summer, she works as a camp counselor at Camp Kookamunga. Throughout the school year, she plays multiple sports, including field hockey, softball and basketball, and also makes time to spend with family and friends.

At school, Hannah says she enjoys seeing her friends and building strong connections with her teachers. Her favorite subjects are math and English, and one of her favorite teachers is Mrs. Blow. Hannah values the meaningful connections she made in Mrs. Blow's class and appreciates that they have stayed in touch even after the class ended.

Hannah's hard work and leadership have earned her an impressive list of honors. She has been named to the Principal's List, served as a team captain for field hockey, basketball and softball, and received Excellence awards in Advanced Anatomy and Physiology, Advanced Behavioral Science, Geometry, Chemistry, Algebra II and Pre-Calculus. She has also earned the Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit for High Honor in Science and Mathematics and the Bausch + Lomb Honorary Science Award.

When asked what advice she would give to younger students, Hannah says, "It's important that when you are faced with a challenge, you push through it because it will only help you to grow in the end."

After graduation, Hannah plans to pursue a career in physical therapy and is considering attending either the University of Vermont or Plymouth State University.



Hannah Desabrais  
OVUHS

## Mount Abraham Union High School

### June Yates-Rusch

Mt. Abraham is proud to recognize June Yates-Rusch as our Student of the Week. June lives in Bristol with her mom, Mary, and cat, Daisy.

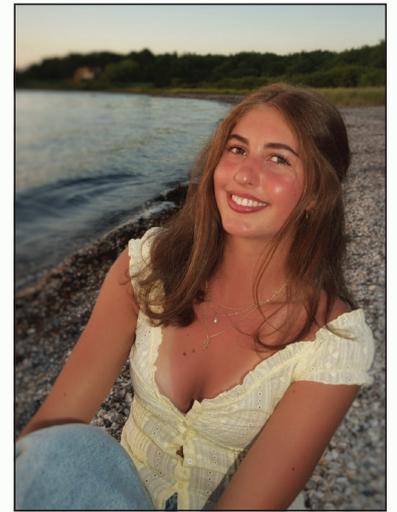
Throughout her high school career, June has consistently achieved highest or high honors. She has received awards from the Art Department each year, as well as a PE and English award. June's favorite classes are AP Calculus and Chemistry and her favorite teacher is Mr. Eberhardy. In addition, her favorite class was Sports and Society, where she learned about the impact that sports has on work and communities.

She notes that school makes her feel productive and confident about how she spends her time. Beyond academics, June is an active social member of the Mt. Abe community. She has played Varsity Lacrosse since 9th grade and was the captain of the team last spring. She is also on the Varsity Nordic Ski team and the Varsity Field Hockey Team. She has been an active member of the Eagle Leadership Society for the past two years.

Outside of school, June works as a lifeguard and camp counselor for the Bristol Recreation Department as well as a youth lacrosse referee. In her spare time she enjoys reading, being outdoors and spending time with her friends.

Reflecting on her school experience, June shares, "One of the highlights of my time at Mt. Abe was starting a new sport during my junior year (field hockey). This experience taught me the importance of trying new things, even when they feel unfamiliar or challenging at first. Taking the risk to learn a new sport not only helped me develop new skills, but also led to new friendships and connections that I would not have made otherwise."

Looking ahead, June will be attending St. Lawrence University in the fall. She plans to major in Biomedical Sciences and play lacrosse. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors!



June Yates-Rusch  
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