

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Vergennes Union High School

Carter McGuire

Carter McGuire is Vergennes Union School's latest Student of the Week. He lives in downtown Vergennes with his immediate family and three roommates. They also have a black Lab, Thunder.

Carter enjoys the element of choice that is embedded in high school, noting that the high school experience can be whatever you want it to be; he's chosen to focus mostly on the Arts and Sciences.

He states, "Carlie Guinane's art classroom has been a supportive space for me. I took sculpture, painting, and all media for creating art. She has been an incredible support, and I appreciate her as a teacher."

In Carter's junior year, he became a four-sport athlete, participating in cross country, indoor track, outdoor track, and baseball, and even got to play with two of his brothers, which he says was an incredible experience. Beyond sports, he has a leading role in this year's musical, is a member of the National Honor Society and German National Honor Society, is a member of the VUHS Green Team and is a participant in the VUHS Unified Basketball Team, supporting students with learning and developmental disabilities to access team sports.

Outside of school, Carter volunteers through Scouting America, where he is approaching Eagle rank, participating in wildlife conservation service projects, working with the Lions Club, and supporting others' Eagle projects. In the summer, he is also a lifeguard at the community pool, where he loves summer camp week, engaging with the community, and working with fellow students.

This year, his focus has been on college applications. When he does have spare time, he focuses on art, making videos for YouTube and Instagram to document his artistic process. He also loves spending time with his friends and siblings.

When asked what advice he has for younger students, he says, "I heard from someone here a few years ago, they told me that you spend your whole life inside your head, so make sure it is a nice place to be. I thought it was profound, so I have held onto it. Reach out when you are struggling, and help others. Mental health matters, and we don't talk about it enough."

Carter would like to attend college, majoring in art, so long as he can keep his work separate from his hobbies and interests. He's unsure of where he'll end up as of right now, but is feeling excited (and nervous) about the prospect. Congratulations, Carter!



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Avery Hohenschau

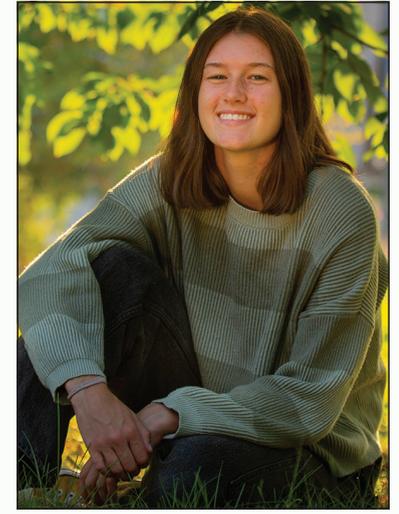
Middlebury Union High School is proud to recognize senior Avery Hohenschau as its Student of the Week. Avery lives in Middlebury with her parents, David and Claire, and her younger brother, who is in eighth grade. She has a cat named Comet, a dog named Lupin, and six chickens.

When asked about her experience at MUHS, Avery shared, "I love that there are so many opportunities to try intensive classes like DP that I would not get at another school." She added that these opportunities allow students to take deeper dives into projects and subjects. Avery has especially enjoyed Global Politics, finding it fascinating to study the world, and credits Tara Martin as an inspiring instructor. She also highlighted Ms. LeBeau as a meaningful mentor who helped Avery find her place at the school. Avery has earned Honor Roll recognition throughout her time at Middlebury.

Avery is highly involved in school activities. She has served as stage manager for the past three theater productions. In the fall, she plays soccer, and in the spring, plays Ultimate Frisbee and is the team captain. In addition, outside of school, Avery figure skates. During her sophomore year, Avery was enrolled in Addison Repertory Theater at the Hannaford Career Center, and she continues to stay closely connected with the program. She is also a member of the Built Environment Arts Group, in which students help bring art to the walls of Middlebury. Over the past two summers, Avery has worked at Junebug in Middlebury.

In her free time, Avery enjoys spending time with friends, reading and working on small creative projects. One important skill Avery has developed is self-advocacy. She shared, "As a stage manager, I had to advocate for the cast with adults. Learning how to do that has been a huge growth opportunity." Her advice to younger students is, "Don't hesitate to reach out to people. I've made so many new connections by being willing to step outside my comfort zone."

Following graduation, Avery plans to attend Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where she will study Film Production. Middlebury Union High School congratulates Avery on her many accomplishments and wishes her continued success throughout her senior year and beyond.



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MUHS

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