

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Vergennes Union High School

Ila Crowley

Vergennes Union High School is excited to announce Ila Crowley as its latest Student of the Week. Ila lives in Ferrisburgh with her mom, dad, sister, and dog, Bailey.

Her favorite subject is biology, finding it interesting and therefore easier to retain. She considers Ms. Thompson an engaging teacher because they do a lot of guided notes and hands-on projects and labs in class. Ila has received four underclass awards throughout high school for classes including German, science, English and health. She plays varsity lacrosse in the spring.

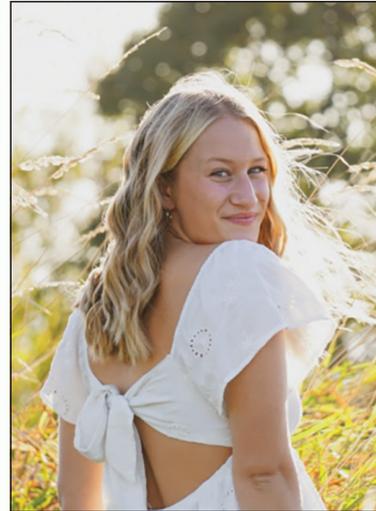
Outside of school, Ila works at Wake Robin Life Plan Community in Shelburne. She assists residents with mealtimes, helping them into their seats, taking orders and noting dietary needs. Ila would like to be a nurse, and she likes that this work gives her experience in that arena and makes her excited for the future.

In her free time, she likes to hike, spend time with friends and family, travel and explore Vermont. She loves spending time on the lake and on top of Mt. Philo.

Ila thinks her greatest lesson in high school is that hard work overcomes raw talent. She states, "I found myself very frustrated throughout high school because true understanding of a subject didn't always come easily for me. I was constantly revising work and retaking tests. I learned that I am not a naturally gifted student, but a hardworking one. I have to really buckle down to earn good grades, and in the end, I think that makes me a better student and I am proud of the hard work that I put in."

Next year, Ila will be attending the University of Vermont for Nursing with the hope of eventually becoming a Nurse Practitioner specializing in pediatrics.

Everyone at Vergennes Union High School wishes Ila all the best!



Ila Crowley
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Middlebury Union High School

Logan Edmonds-Beattie

Middlebury Union High School is proud to recognize senior Logan Edmonds-Beattie as its Student of the Week. Logan is the son of Jennifer Edmonds and Bryan Beattie and lives in Hancock. He has an older sister and brother, and a younger brother. He also has three pets: a dog named Nikki and two cats, Pumpkin and June.

When asked what he enjoys most about school, Logan shared that he values the strong sense of community and the access to resources that help him achieve his goals. He has especially enjoyed his art and science classes. Reflecting on the adults who have supported him, Logan expressed gratitude for Mrs. Stoddert, who works closely with him to find effective ways to learn and problem-solve, and Mr. Lewis, his school counselor, who has been a constant source of support and someone who is always fun to talk with. Logan has earned honor roll recognition throughout his high school career, and strives to academically challenge himself with difficult courses.

Logan has a strong interest in painting, photography, horticulture and flower cultivation. He is also deeply passionate about the sport of volleyball. He was instrumental in starting a book club at the school with the support of librarian Mrs. Sherman. In addition, Logan has coached March Madness at the Middle School and participated in the Peer Leader program at the beginning of senior year.

During the summer, Logan works at two camps. At Summer Music for Kids, he serves as a counselor. At Camp Killoolleet, he works as a cook and baker.

Outside of school and work, Logan enjoys spending time outdoors hiking, swimming, and biking. He also pursues photography, painting and bouquet-making in his free time.

Logan attended an elementary school where his grade consisted of just three students, including himself. Transitioning to middle and high school meant learning how to become part of a much larger community. Through that experience, he discovered the many benefits a larger community can offer. His advice to others is to recognize the resources around you and to not be afraid to reach out for help—sometimes stepping out of your comfort zone is where you will find the best support to chase your dreams.

Following graduation, Logan plans to attend college to study horticulture and minor in art, though he has not yet committed to a specific school.

Middlebury Union High School congratulates Logan on his many accomplishments and wishes him continued success throughout his senior year and beyond.



Logan Edmonds-Beattie
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