

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Vergennes Union High School

Aiden Fuller

Vergennes Union High School is proud to name Aiden Fuller as its final Student of the Week for the 2025-2026 school year. Aiden lives in Vergennes with his dad and grandma.

At school, Aiden most enjoys Human Biology with Sarah Thompson. "She is an engaging teacher, and we learn about interesting topics," he says. "Sarah makes the learning interesting and is easy to talk to." Aiden notes that math has been a struggle at times, but Math 3 with Ms. Kayahrt was a success, noting that she helped him learn, was always willing to engage in practice and made the content interesting. Aiden also learned a great deal from Mr. Thomas during English Seminar, which helped him become a stronger writer.

Sports have been a major part of Aiden's high school experience. He has played soccer, basketball and baseball for all four years. In 10th grade, Aiden was a Lake Division honorable mention, and in 11th grade, he made Lake Division first team. This year, he made the Mountain Division first team and All-State first team for soccer. Aiden's experience as a student-athlete has helped him find balance and manage multiple priorities at the same time.

Outside of school, Aiden works part-time at Cookie Love in Ferrisburgh. He loves making people smile with a creemee and a cookie! In his limited free time, Aiden loves to hang out with friends.

His advice to younger students is to challenge themselves, "My first two years of school, I barely got by with passing grades. Now, I care more about my work and I can see my success. Now, I am on the Honor Roll, and I wish that I had focused more on my learning when I was younger."

After graduation, Aiden plans on attending UVM and major in Business Administration. He's excited to be entering a new chapter in his life and knows that he has what he needs to achieve his goals. We wish him all the best!



Aiden Fuller
VUHS

Middlebury Union High School

Marilyn Almeida-Perez

Marilyn Almeida-Perez is Middlebury Union High School's final Student of the Week for the 2025-2026 school year. She lives in Bridport with her twin brother, Alex, her younger sister, who is in eighth grade, and her parents, Alejandra and Jesus. She also has a cat named Angie and a kitten named Buffy.

Reflecting on her time at Middlebury Union High School, Marilyn shared that she loves learning and appreciates attending a school with so many opportunities and resources. She explained that she learns differently, and having supportive people around her has made a meaningful difference.

One class that especially stands out to Marilyn is her English course with Mr. Krahn. This is her second year having him as a teacher, and she appreciates how inclusive the class is and how he ensures that all student voices are heard. She has also enjoyed Environmental Science with Mr. Duquette because, as she says, he not only teaches but also builds strong relationships with students — and he is very funny. Marilyn would also like to thank Ms. Hanfield and Mr. Rooney for being dependable supports throughout her high school experience.

At MUHS, Marilyn has played volleyball all four years and made the Vermont All-State first team. She is also involved in the BIPOC Club, Art Club, and has served as a peer leader.

On weekends, Marilyn works in the dining hall at Middlebury College. During the summer, she helps her mother with their Mexican food truck business. She has also volunteered as a coach for March Madness volleyball at the middle school level. In addition, Marilyn participates in Migrant Justice and has been actively involved in advocating for workers' rights. In her free time, Marilyn enjoys painting outdoors, hiking, and swimming. She also plays on a travel volleyball team called VIBE and is active in her church community.

When reflecting on high school, Marilyn shared that she has faced challenges related to her learning disability. At first, she sometimes felt "less than," but those experiences motivated her to work harder and challenge herself academically by taking difficult classes. Her advice to other students is: "You are going to meet people who doubt you, judge you, or tell you what you can't do. Don't let their opinions decide your future. You know yourself better than anyone else, and if you stay persistent, work hard, and believe in yourself, you can accomplish anything."

In the fall, Marilyn plans to attend the University of New England, where she intends to major in Psychology and minor in Mental Health as she pursues her goal of becoming a clinical psychologist. Middlebury Union High School congratulates Marilyn on her many accomplishments and wishes her continued success throughout her senior year and beyond.



Marilyn Almeida-Perez
MUHS

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