

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Otter Valley Union High School

Leann Thomas

Leann Thomas is one of Otter Valley Union High School's final Students of the Week for the 2025-2026 school year. She lives in Brandon with her mom, stepdad, sister and brothers.

She says she enjoys the classes offered at her school and likes being around her teachers. Her favorite class is Advanced Anatomy and Physiology because she is interested in learning how the human body works.

One teacher who has had a positive impact on her is Ms. P. "I could talk to her about anything, and she taught me not to fear failure and never give up," Leann said.

Leann has received several awards for excellence in her classes, has been captain of the varsity softball

team for two years, and has earned multiple sports awards.

Leann works at Hannaford and Kampersville, and during the summer, she volunteers at Rutland Regional Medical Center. In her free time, she enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with friends and family.

Her advice to others is simple: "The biggest mistake you can make in life is to be continuously fearing you will make one. Growth is impossible to achieve without making mistakes."

After graduation, she plans to attend Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts to earn a bachelor's degree in Radiologic Technology. We wish Leann all the best!



Leann Thomas
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Roni O'Brien
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Roni O'Brien is one of Otter Valley Union High School's final Students of the Week for the 2025-2026 school year. She lives in Brandon with her mom, dad, sister Sally, and cat Mia.

Her favorite subjects are math- and science-related courses. Her favorite teacher at Otter Valley is Mr. Thomas. "His classes are fun, and he's a very kind and understanding person," she said.

This year, Roni took advantage of the opportunity for seniors to take classes through Vermont State University, Castleton, where she's earned President's List honors both semesters. At Otter Valley, Roni received the Sportsmanship Award for the 2024-25

softball season and made the honor roll.

Her advice to younger students is, "Don't be afraid to challenge yourself, but don't be afraid to take a break, either."

Outside of school, Roni works at Eastwood Animal Clinic in Rutland. In her free time, she enjoys drawing, going to the gym, doing her nails, and baking. She is also "really into sharks."

After graduation, Roni plans to attend University of New England to study marine science and animal behavior. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors!

Mount Abraham Union High School

Jack Anderson

Mt. Abraham Union High School is proud to recognize Jack Anderson as our Student of the Week. Jack lives in Lincoln with his Mom and Dad, his brother, Chuck, and his dog, Biscuit.

Jack has received transferable skills and academic honors throughout his high school career.

He has really appreciated the variety of course options and clubs that are offered at Mt. Abraham. Jack credits the music and art programs for helping him realize what he wants to pursue in college. His favorite classes are Music and Media, Ceramics and AP U.S. History. When asked who his favorite teacher was, Jack replied, "Ms. Thompson treats you with a certain level of respect and honesty that is few and far between when it comes to high school teachers. She views you not just as a student but also a member of the community."

Jack has served as the audio tech lead for Mt. Abraham musicals, as well as an audio tech for school concerts. In addition, he is the coxswain on the rowing team and works at the Lincoln General Store. In his spare time he enjoys playing guitar and spending time with friends.

When asked what advice he would give to underclassmen, Jack commented, "I would say that rowing club was the most impactful experience in my time at school. Meeting people in a smaller and more diverse extracurricular really helped me become social and overall a more well-rounded person. Don't be afraid to try new things on your own. Being able to make yourself comfortable in new environments is a really important skill."

After graduation, Jack will attend UVM in the College of Arts and Sciences. He is hoping to major in audio engineering and design or film studies. We wish Jack all the best in his future endeavors!



Jack Anderson
MAUHS

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