

# Lauren Wattenburg

## Sisters High School December 2016 Student of the Month

Lauren Wattenburg doesn't make school easy on herself.

A dedicated ballet dancer, she travels to Tualatin every weekend to work in a pre-professional troupe through Northwest Dance Theatre. Her dance endeavors mean she misses a day of school every week. Yet she maintains both her grades and her participation through a combination of personal dedication and the efforts of the school to make things work. She uses FaceTime to participate in classes when she can't actually be there, and she stepped up to serve as co-coordinator for communications for the Associated Student Government.

Lauren credits Sisters High School for helping to make it all work out.

She plans to continue to dance in college and — recognizing that ballet is never a lifetime career — she plans to study physical therapy or education as potential career options.

*"Lauren is one of those rare students a teacher is lucky enough to come in contact with.*

*She has incredible insight, motivation, and passion. She is continually illustrating that if you clearly define long-range goals you aspire to, you will find that all the obstacles in your way will become hills instead of mountains. Lauren is the kind of person who makes those around her better. Her absence after she graduates will be felt here at SHS, but we all know that not only will she continue to positively influence people, but that she will be an asset to any organization, group, or team."*

— Samara Spear

*"Lauren is a true Outlaw. She has a very unique situation that requires her to be out of the building on a regular basis, yet she worked diligently to remain connected to the school, her friends and her teachers. She took an active leadership role with our student government, she's a strong student, and she's always so cheerful and positive. We are grateful for how Lauren enhances our school culture."*

— Principal Joe Hosang

*"Lauren is a remarkable student in so many ways: She is always remarkably prepared for class. All of her academic work — even practice assignments which she knows won't be graded — are done to a remarkable standard of*

*excellence. Lauren was a precocious freshman, and is as a senior a remarkably mature and responsible young adult. But perhaps Lauren's most remarkable trait is the wonderfully generous and smiling attitude she infuses into SHS each and every day. Congratulations, Lauren! I am so glad for having gotten to know you at SHS!"*

— Rob Corrigan

*"Lauren is one of the hardest-working people I have ever known. She is responsible and appreciative. Lauren has the ability to be both fiercely determined yet maintain a sense of humor and fit in well with any group. I think Lauren has helped me and my classes as much or more than I've helped her over her time in SHS. She is always an example to everyone around her of how to take the most effective approach given just about any circumstance. Lauren's presence has motivated me and her classmates to be our best. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be one of her teachers. Lauren is a wonderful person."*

— Daniel O'Neill

*"Lauren Wattenburg strives to achieve excellence in all aspects of her life. From dancing competitively to taking the most rigorous*



*courses at Sisters High School, Lauren seeks challenging experiences through which she can grow the most. She has continued to demonstrate excellence in her academic classes while juggling the high demands of rigorous dance training at a studio in Portland, three hours from our community. Lauren also works to serve others locally through active participation in school-based community service. Her smile and positive attitude warm those around her. Congratulations, Lauren!"*

— Rima Givot

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