

Jonathan Bertagna

Sisters High School May 2017 Student of the Month



Hard work, maintaining good grades and involvement are Jonathan Bertagna's keys to success at Sisters High School.

As an IEE intern, secretary for ASG, membership in LINK Crew and as a Mr. SHS contestant, Jonathan walks the talk.

"It's fun — that's the biggest thing," he says of his motivation for active involvement in his school community.

He enjoys being around the people he shares activities with, and has the added satisfaction of knowing that his efforts help make his school a better place.

Bertagna's passion for fly fishing has determined his future path.

"I've been fly fishing for a very long time, and I've been working in the fly fishing industry for the last four or five years," he says.

He plans to attend Utah State University to study fisheries and aquatic sciences.

He saluted his teachers for providing so much one-on-one interaction with students, and thanked his parents for their ongoing support. He also offered

a shout-out to the Backpack Buds, with whom he shares outdoor adventures.

"I have truly enjoyed getting to know Jonathan in the several classes we've had together during his time at SHS. Jonathan is a thoughtful student, kind to both teachers and students, and seemingly always in good spirits. I will miss his contributions to class, certainly in terms of academics, but also with his good humor and generosity toward all."

— Rob Corrigan

"It is so fun to watch JW explore all his opportunities. He is excited with the outdoors and is all-in for adventure. He is so teachable, but I feel that I learn more from his excitement than I will ever teach him."

— Tony Cosby

"I'm so happy that we are recognizing Jonathan as the Student of the Month. He is an outstanding young man who quietly goes about doing the right thing. Jonathan has been such a positive force at Sisters High School. He has given of himself in so many ways—academics, leadership, service, sports. I have watched him on the court and on the field, at Mr. SHS, and in the classroom. In every place, he demonstrates a commitment to excellence and a selflessness that

puts others first. I look forward to seeing where he goes from here and how he will continue to touch people's lives and make the world better for his having been here. Congratulations, Jonathan!"

— Gail Greaney

"Character is a long-standing habit, and this young man displays strong character. His reputation is one that is hard to match. Jonathan can be counted on to be a positive role model in all circumstances. As one of his IEE teachers his junior year and his AP English teacher this year, I have been impressed by his hard work, his positive attitude, his leadership and his integrity. Time after time I have witnessed his selfless attitude and his concern for others. I am extremely proud of this young man and feel honored to know him."

— Samra Spear

"Jonathan's smile, kind nature, and positive demeanor make him approachable and engaging to the school community. We are so fortunate to have had Jonathan's contributions to our school. As an IEE intern, he is teaching his peers and raising the standards for his classmates. His warm nature, responsible approach, and caring

character help make students comfortable to push themselves out of their comfort zone and grow. I am proud of Jonathan's accomplishments!"

— Rima Givot

"Jonathan is a great student and a better person. It has been a joy for me to see our entire school cheer for and look up to Jonathan. The fact that the kids in our school look up to and admire Jonathan Bertagna is a great sign of the positive culture we have. Jonathan, thanks for all you have given to our school."

— Daniel O'Neill

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