

# Sophia Bianchi

## Sisters High School April 2019 Student of the Month

Sophia Bianchi works hard for her accomplishments in the classroom and on the playing field — and to help others succeed.

“I’ve always felt a need or a want to help others,” she says. “People are happier when they succeed, so it’s nice to help people have that feeling of doing well.”

Bianchi is a three-sport athlete: soccer; basketball; and lacrosse. She’s treasurer of Key Club and a member of the Unity Club, which promotes tolerance and inclusiveness at school. She’s also involved in yearbook. That’s all in addition to taking rigorous academic classes.

She says that all of her efforts create “the feeling of accomplishing something with a team” — a feeling she greatly values. She appreciates the wide range of opportunities she has had since moving to Sisters in fifth grade.

Sophia plans to attend the University of Washington to study environmental science with an eye

toward contributing to a cleaner, greener planet.

*“Sophia is without a doubt one of the best leaders at SHS. She is extremely positive, hardworking, a champion for all of our students, and leads by example. She has had a big impact on our culture here at SHS in both athletics and in the classroom, and has been a fantastic role model for all!”*

— Gary Thorson

*“Sophia Bianchi approaches life with a positive, can-do attitude. She leads by example, embracing challenging tasks and engaging her classmates in solving problems. Her kindness, warm smile and humility make others feel welcome and included. She sees value in other people, willingly working with a team. It has been such a pleasure to know Sophia.”*

— Rima Givot

*“Sophia has such a big heart and steady, in-it-for-the-long-haul work ethic; she is a gift to any endeavor she gives her time and energy to. She is a servant leader with a positive,*

*determined spirit that makes those around her better.”*

— Jami Lyn Weber

*“Sophia is a great example of an Outlaw! She has been stellar in each of my art classes she has taken, and I’ve especially loved seeing her style and creativity come out in her jewelry studies. Her work and thought process is thoughtful and deep; and even better, she is kind and considerate in everything she does. Congratulations Sophia!”*

— Bethany Gunnarson

*“Sophia is truly a gem. I think of the quote, ‘It is only as we develop others that we permanently succeed,’ by Harvey Firestone. Whether it be on the basketball court, in the classroom, in the halls, or on social media, this young lady makes others better. In every situation, she strives to be engaged in the moment and to positively influence. A true team player, she selflessly gives of herself. I am proud of Sophia and will greatly miss her around here after she graduates.”*

— Samra Spear



*“Sophia is such an awesome human being. She is also an extraordinary student. Sophia enjoys learning and thinking about challenging things. She maintains a happy attitude no matter what and adds value to every group she participates with. We are so fortunate to have Sophia at our school. I will miss her so much when she graduates this year.”*

— Daniel O’Neill

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