



Congratulations Makenna Liddell Sisters High School 2018-2019 Student of the Year!

“Connection” is the watchword in Makenna Liddell’s endeavors.

From her work with student government (she’s vice president) to Leadership Crew, to interning at Sisters Elementary School in special education, Makenna is all about helping students connect with each other and helping students feel invited and included in the life of the schools.

“It’s really important to me to make student connections,” she said. “I just want to help that process along.”

For her, engagement is not about how much she can do and how successful she can be, but how she can help “make other people be successful.”

She helps that process by connecting with younger students through Sisters Dance Academy, where she is both a student and a teacher.

“That’s a huge part of my life,” she says.

Makenna is applying to Brigham Young University in Utah, where she plans to major in special education, with a minor in dance.

“I love Makenna! What a great kid. I love witnessing her in-depth thought process that she has had since she was a freshman, but I’m most excited about seeing how she has become a great leader and great example for the school and for her classmates. She is a talented designer and artist, as well as dancer, student, leader, and teacher.”

— Bethany Gunnarson

“Positive, energetic, passionate, caring and thoughtful are the first words that come to my mind when asked about Makenna. Her positive energy

makes people around her, including the staff, want to do better and work harder. Makenna can brighten up one’s day with her smile, but she’s also willing to work. She spent many hours over the summer with her ASG team to get ready for this school year. Congratulations, Makenna, you deserve this recognition.”

— Joe Hosang

“When I think of Makenna, so many incredible qualities come to mind, but most of all I think of her good and kind heart. Every single time I have seen or been around this young lady, I have witnessed her pure heart, her selfless attitude, and her contagious smile. She genuinely makes those around her better. She approaches each day with a goal to be a light to others, and she is! No matter what path Makenna takes or what career she pursues after high school, I am confident that she will continue to make the world a better place. She is so loved and will be greatly missed here at SHS!”

— Samra Spear

“Makenna is one of the most hard-working and kind people I know. The dedication she approaches her learning, dancing, and relationships with is truly inspirational. Our school is a better place because of the many impacts Makenna has on our culture.”

— Daniel O’Neill

“I loved having Makenna in my Spanish 2 class last year! She always walked in with the brightest smile, and was enthusiastic about learning Spanish and participating in class. I definitely miss having her around this year!”

— Rebekah Dunkle

“Makenna is so deserving of being chosen as our Outlaw Student of the Month. She has added so much to the SHS community. Her kindness and

enthusiasm are catching—just the way she walks down the halls with that big smile on her face brightens the day for so many people! Makenna tirelessly works to make SHS a place where everyone feels welcome and important. Makenna truly embodies the spirit of what it means to be an Outlaw.”

— Gail Greaney

“Makenna is a kind, beautiful, motivated person! She has helped in my classroom for 2 semesters and she is amazing. She is very independent, super-creative, and she does quality work. She was a tremendous support for me, as well as a joy to have around. Makenna is always positive, and that positive energy impacts everyone she comes in contact with!”

— Leah Soloff

“Makenna graces the world with her sweet smile and kind nature. Makenna strives to make the world a better place, and she genuinely cares about others, often going out of her way to make people feel welcome. I have loved getting to know Makenna in biology and chemistry. She puts her full effort into each task she tackles, and holds herself to high standards. I am grateful Makenna is a part of our community!”

— Rima Givot

“McKenna is one of the most hard-working, kind, and positive people I know. She is a leader in the best sense of the word — she serves well without recognition, and she brings the best out of those around her. She is an insightful and diligent student. She is keen at seeing needs and then giving her best to meet them. She brings a joyful and thoughtful presence to wherever she is. She is a beautiful soul from the inside out. I am really grateful she is a part of life here at Sisters High School.”

— Jami Lyn Weber

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