

KATE BOWEN

Sisters High School March 2020 Student of the Month



Kate Bowen puts everything she's got into her work — and it shows. She's a straight-A student and a track and cross-country athlete.

Sisters has provided her an environment in which to pursue her passion for excellence and to thrive.

"I've got to say, moving here was one of the best things in my life," she said.

She is profoundly grateful for the relationships she's built with peers and teachers.

"Every teacher here in Sisters cares so much beyond the learning," she said. "They care about the person you are becoming and the person you could be."

Kate can't pick a favorite subject area. "As a proud nerd," she said, "I love every class I've ever taken."

She is almost certain of her plans to attend the University of Oregon. Her areas of interest are environmental law and medicine.

She acknowledged the impact the pandemic shutdown has had on her peers, but she sees the resilience she has been taught in school coming to the fore.

"I'm so proud of our community for sticking together through this tough time," she said.

"Kate Bowen is one of the kindest, most cheerful, supremely dedicated students that I have had the honor of knowing and teaching. She is consistent with her word: she shows up when she says

she will, even when it is not required for a grade. Her enthusiasm for her studies is motivated by a passion for learning. I have seen her reach out to help and encourage others on many occasions, for example, volunteering every Wednesday morning during Outlaw Time to be a Spanish tutor to Spanish 1 and 2 students. I'm sad that because of the pandemic, I won't be able to celebrate Kate's graduation in the traditional way, but I am thrilled to see her honored as the Student of the Month for March."

— Rebekah Dunkle

"Kate is driven to be great. Everything she does, she does with integrity and passion. Kate is one of our valedictorians and one of the best distance runners in the state. Her drive makes her unique, but her selfless attitude and her empathetic personality is what really makes her special. I remember losing my keys. While many watched me frantically look for them, Kate, who at the time didn't know me very well, spent 45 minutes helping me. Additionally, she's always asking 'how are you?' We are blessed to have Kate as an Outlaw and she has been an amazing model of passion, dedication and humility. We wish Kate the best of luck in her future endeavors and we will definitely miss her."

— Joe Hosang

"Kate Bowen truly beams with kindness. I had the honor to meet Kate during a 'Nerf Gun' war in July 2019 when I returned from Germany. I noticed immediately her thoughtfulness for others,

generosity, and modesty. Her enduring smile and constant kind words make Sisters High School a better place. When you see Kate in the halls at SHS, on track and trails, or around town you notice a sense that she cares for those around her, and this gives us a sense of 'community'. Kate...we are so lucky your family moved to Sisters... and I am lucky I have gotten to know you during your senior year. I am sorry it was cut short. Thank you for being at OUTLAW!"

— Tim Roth

"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will."

"Kate makes me think of this quote. This girl has will and grit; her perseverance is difficult to match. She sets the bar high and doesn't settle for anything other than her best. There are many reasons why I respect and admire Kate, but some that stand out are that she is genuine, insightful, honest, and humble. Not only is she an exceptional student, but a fantastic human being. Her sincere and selfless heart allow her to positively touch the lives of everyone she comes in contact with. There is no doubt that I will hear of big things that Kate will do in the future, but I am just as confident that she will make others better in the process. She is truly a gift."

— Samra Spear

"Kate is such a wonderful person. We at SHS are so fortunate that her family moved to our community and we get

to have Kate be an important part of our school. I will miss Kate so much and I'm excited to see what she chooses to do with her many talents."

— Daniel O'Neill

Kate is kind and caring. She supports her teammates and classmates, and she holds a very high bar for herself. Her quick smile and kind words make those around her feel welcome and valued. She is also a very talented and hardworking runner. Congratulations, Kate!"

— Rima Givot

"Kate Bowen is an inspiring student for many reasons, but mostly because she has a boundless drive to be better. She's naturally bright and incredibly industrious. She's highly accomplished and exceptionally humble. She's independently driven and intentionally inclusive. In short, she has tons of natural talent, and she's always putting it to good use. She's an excellent Outlaw, and she definitely deserves this award."

— Matthew Bradley

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