

Drew Collins-Burke

Sisters High School April 2020 Student of the Month

Drew Collins-Burke is making the best of his interrupted senior year — because that's the way he operates. He applies himself in school and always gives his best — because he wants to give back to his community and because he knows that the habits of hard work and dedication will serve him well later in life.

A student in Sisters since fourth grade, Drew serves as ASG Vice President. He cites the unique programs on offer in Sisters as particular strong points of Sisters schools — programs like IEE, the woods program, the aviation program conducted in partnership with Sisters Eagle Airport. He notes that building a guitar was a highlight of his high school career.

Drew is awaiting developments regarding the pandemic to determine his immediate future course.

"I'm planning to go to the University of Oregon in the fall if it's open," he said. "If it's not, I may take a gap year or figure something else out."

He deeply appreciates the work of Sisters school staff.

"I just wanted to say thank you to for all my teachers," he said. "I know they've been going through a tough time as well, and I just want to thank them for all they do for our school."

"Drew has a great gift for making the people around him better. His curiosity makes others more curious; his humor makes others more humorous; his compassion makes others more compassionate. In other words, he leads by consistently and consistently doing the right thing. His tranquil nature and quiet resolve are truly inspiring, especially in an age characterized by cacophony and uncertainty. He's already made the world a better place, and I know that he'll keep doing that on a greater and grander scale once he graduates. I feel fortunate that he's been my student, and I'm so happy that he's an Outlaw."

— Matt Bradley

"Drew is such a thoughtful student in the way he pushes for deeper understanding and connection, and he is such a thoughtful student in the way he leads and serves his school and community. He doesn't look for the spotlight or the credit, but to get what needs to be done, done well — and with that big smile of his that matches his big heart."

— Jami Lyn Weber

"I have totally enjoyed the last four years working with Drew, he is one of the most genuine, kind hearted, and interesting students I have taught."

— Tony Cosby

"Drew is truly a special kid. He is so smart, creative, and caring. I absolutely love Drew's sense of humor. He contributed to every single class with



both his intellect and curiosity. Drew is also a very generous person. He has always been someone who other students would turn to when they needed help. I will miss Drew tremendously. I hope that he gets a Camaro one day."

— Daniel O'Neill

"Drew has an awesome, generously curious mind. I love the questions he asks, and how he is always able to ask those questions in an inclusive way, inviting others students to share their own ideas and curiosities."

— Andrew Scheele

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