

# Skylar Wilkins

## Sisters High School April 2021 Student of the Month



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Skylar Wilkins will be one of eight valedictorians for the Sisters High School Class of 2021, signaling her commitment to academic excellence. Her academic interests cover the board, but she is particularly interested in science and math.

She served as a math intern for algebra 2 this year, teaching younger students.

She plans to attend Dartmouth College. Her major is undetermined as of yet, but she plans a pre-med track. She said that a field trip to Hutchinson Cancer Research Center cemented her interest in the medical field.

Wilkins has participated in cross-country, ski team, and lacrosse, and she is particularly passionate about her role as a peer leader in the school's Sources of Strength program, dedicated to promoting a healthy culture at SHS.

She attended Black Butte School for several years, before entering Sisters schools in the seventh grade. Like many of her peers, she finds a strong sense of community in Sisters schools. "There's just a lot of civility and respect that's not always seen other places," she said. "There's a level of honesty and transparency here that's missing in other places, in my mind."

"Thinking of how I would describe Skylar the first thoughts that come to my mind are tenacious, a go getter, community centered and extremely dedicated. Congratulations, Skylar, I have observed you over the years and you've grown into such a leader, a true Outlaw!"

— Joe Hosang

"Skylar Wilkins is the kind of person who cannot stand still — she gets more tired by standing still than by going. I love having her in AP English Literature because she is determined, insightful, brave, and eloquent. She just never stops thinking or doing. Sometimes she tires me out, but I love it. She is able to look beyond the

surface and develop arguments about what the author of a text is doing — how the text "works." And then she connects dots and makes world and personal connections, challenging others in the process. I look forward to seeing what Skylar will do in the future. She will move mountains. Skylar, thank you for showing your genuine heart, for showing your intense grit, and for showing your continual desire to make the world a better place."

— Samra Spear

"Skylar Wilkins lives with clear integrity and so much passion to learn. She stands up for what she believes and demonstrates commitment, perseverance, and the desire to understand. I am so grateful to have known Skylar and am excited for the next step in her journey of life!"

— Rima Givot

"Skylar is the ultimate Outlaw. Her un-failing positivity and heart for others has had an overwhelming positive impact on everyone, not only at SHS, but in the entire Sisters community. Skylar always goes out of her way to reach out and make sure people feel included and seen. It has been a true privilege to get to walk beside her during her time at SHS and witness, not only her brilliance in the classroom, but her incredible leadership and character. It is going to be hard to imagine school next year without her here. Thank you for all the many ways you have made this a better place. I can't wait to see what amazing things you go on to do next. Congratulations!"

— Gail Greaney

"Skylar has a wonderful mind and a passionate spirit that brings a unique spark to wherever she is. She also has this love of learning and challenges that I really appreciate, but what I most admire about her is her care for people and her willingness to help wherever needed. From helping math students, to the countless ways she steps up to answer the question I hear her asking so often, "How can I help?" she brings all her talents and energy and sees it through. I know she will continue to be a force for good in the world wherever she goes."

— Jami Lyn Weber

"Skylar is a student who consistently

holds herself to exceedingly high standards, then meets them. Skylar always gives 100%, whether in terms of developing a complete understanding of a complex assignment, of being helpful and friendly to teachers and fellow students, of taking a leadership role in shaping school culture, or of pushing herself with athletic endeavors. Skylar is an all-round model of citizenship, at SHS as she will be in college and beyond. Those of us who know Skylar will one day be proud to say we knew her when she was the SHS Student of the Month. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor, Skylar!"

— Rob Corrigan

"Skylar is one of the most motivated, talented, and caring students I have had the pleasure of working with. She has a rare combination of personal drive, intelligence, and desire to help others that is inspiring to students and staff alike. Congratulations, Skylar, this recognition is well deserved. I will miss your wisdom and sense of humor!"

— Sheryl Yeager

"Skylar is a great person to be around! I'm thankful she's part of the SHS community. I've never had the pleasure of teaching her, but I have gotten to interact with her for several other things and she's so interesting, fun, and friendly. I'm excited for her future and hope all the best comes her way!"

— Kristy Rawls

"Skylar is who you want on your team — she foresees problems, refines areas of personal fragility, and always fosters fairness and cooperation. Of course I am proud of Skylar's wide range of accomplishments, but I admire her most for who she is, how she encourages others, and how she advocates for those around her."

— Lindy Gilbert

"Skylar is one of the most generous people I know. She uses the vast skill set that she's worked so hard to develop to help others."

"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." — Maya Angelou



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