

Greater Lowell Tech salutes top students

Academic achievement recognized

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TYNGSBORO — Superintendent Jill Davis and Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael Barton have announced the Greater Lowell Technical High School students who were selected as Students of the Month for September, October and November.

For each month, a student from each grade is selected for academic achievement and displaying the school's core values of respect, effort, accountability, commitment and honesty (REACH).

"I want to congratulate all of our hard-working students for their dedication to excellence and for truly embodying our core values," Davis said. "These students help make our school a better place and I am excited to see what they accomplish next."

September

- Senior Mali Vongphoumy, of Lowell, Medical Laboratory and Assisting, is the No. 4 student in her class with an overall 4.30 GPA. She is a member of the National Technical Honor Society, and takes Advanced Placement courses in English, Statistics, and Biology. Mali has also completed coursework in Dual Enrollment Chemistry through Greater Lowell Tech's partnership with Quincy College.



Mali is an active member of the Dance Club, Student Ambassador program, and previously served on Student Council. She participates in community service activities and has previously participated in the Lowell City of Lights Parade and Baystate Marathon Water Station Crew. Following graduation, Mali plans to continue her education and pursue a career in the medical field.

- Senior Ashley Mills, of Dracut, Painting and Design Technology, has earned honor-roll grades since entering Greater Lowell and maintains an overall 4.12 GPA. She is a member of the National Technical Honor Society, with an academic schedule that includes honors-level coursework in English, Pre-Calculus, and Physics. Ashley has also completed coursework in Dual Enrollment Chemistry through Greater Lowell Tech's partnership with Quincy College.

Ashley is a member of the Varsity Softball team, and an active member, competitor, and shop leader in SkillsUSA. She assisted her shop in winning first place in the Community Outreach Challenge. Ashley also won in-house and district medals for her technical proficiency. Following graduation, she plans to continue in the design field and pursue additional coursework in interior design and business management.

- Junior Belinda Chavezhas, of Lowell, Health Assisting/Pre-Nursing, has an overall 4.18 GPA and a course load that includes Physiology, and honors-level courses in English, Algebra 2, and Anatomy.

Belinda is a member of SkillsUSA and will be inducted into the National Honor Society/National Technical Honor Society in November. She is also a member of the Junior Varsity Tennis Team. After graduation, Belinda is hoping to continue her education at Tufts University and pursue a career in veterinary medicine.

- Sophomore Isabella Vierahas, of Dracut, Painting and Design Technology, is the No. 7 student in her class with an overall 4.50 GPA. She is pursuing honors-level coursework in English, History, and Geometry, as well as Dual Enrollment Chemistry through Greater Lowell Tech's partnership with Quincy College.

Outside of school, Isabella participates in competitive dance through the 5-6-7-8 Dance Studio in Dracut and has volunteered as an assistant dance instructor. Following graduation, Isabella plans to continue her education in her technical field.

October



Lowell Tech's partnership with Quincy College.

- Senior Elizabeth Hughes, of Dracut, Information Technology Services, is the No. 6 student in her class with an overall 4.29 GPA. Her academic schedule includes Honors Physics and Advancement Placement courses in English Literature, Calculus and Computer Science. Elizabeth has completed coursework in Dual Enrollment Chemistry through Greater

Elizabeth is a member of the National Technical Honor Society/National Honor Society, Senior Planning Committee, Morning Announcement Team, and Varsity Swim and Dive Team. She is an active member of SkillsUSA and serves as Massachusetts SkillsUSA vice president on the state executive council. Elizabeth also serves as the student representative to the SkillsUSA MA Board of Directors. She is active in community service activities and has participated in events with the Lowell City of Lights Parade, Merrimack Valley Food Bank and Dracut Council on Aging.

Elizabeth is also part of the CVS/Aetna Mentorship Program, and works as an Event Server at Four Oaks Country Club. Following graduation, Elizabeth plans to continue her education in the computer science field and pursue a career in the Air Force.

- Junior April DeCastro, Lowell, Early Childhood Education, has an academic schedule that includes honors-level courses in English and Algebra, and Advanced Placement Environmental Science. April has also completed coursework in Dual Enrollment Chemistry through Greater Lowell Tech's partnership with Quincy College. She has earned awards for Honor Roll and special recognition in her technical area.

April is an active member of the Girl Scouts and is working toward her Gold Award and has completed service projects including collecting items for the food bank, promoting, and encouraging conservation, donating toys/clothes to homeless shelters, and mentoring younger troops. She works part-time at Kinder-Care as a teacher's assistant with the children ages 3 to 6. Following graduation, April plans to continue her career in education and pursue a degree in psychology, with a career working with children.

- Sophomore Jorge Dejesus, of Lowell, Plumbing, maintains an overall 3.86 GPA and is pursuing a schedule that allows him the flexibility of entering the workforce or continuing to college after graduation. His courses include College Preparatory English and College Preparatory Geometry as well as coursework in Project Lead the Way Principles of Biomedical Science.

Jorge was a member of the Greater Lowell Freshman Football Team and participated in Greater Lowell JV Football at the start of the season. Outside of school, Jorge is a member and volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lowell and plays recreational basketball with the Club. Jorge works at Market Basket on Bridge Street in Lowell assisting with meal/ingredient preparation in the Market Kitchen. Following graduation, Jorge plans to pursue his plumbing career and further his education by pursuing a degree in business.

- Freshman Kayleigh Gagne, of Lowell, has maintained High Honor Roll grades in all technical and academic classes since arriving at Greater Lowell. She is in the process of previewing the school's technical areas through the Exploratory Program and has completed pre-coursework in Automotive Collision and Repair, Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Graphic Arts, Metal Fabrication, and Masonry.

Kayleigh is also a member of the Student Ambassador Program and has assisted in events including Back to School Night, City of Lights Parade and Eighth Grade Tours. Outside of school, Kayleigh dances at Guiding Light Dance Academy in Dracut. Following graduation, she hopes to attend college.

November

- Senior Habid Nunez, of Lowell, Medical Laboratory and Assisting, is a member of the National Technical Honor Society and has an overall 4.06 GPA. He is pursuing an academic schedule which includes Advanced Placement Statistics, Dual Enrollment English Composition, and Honors Physics. Habid has received a Special Recognition Award in Medical Assisting.



Habid is a three-season athlete and participates on the Greater Lowell Cross Country, Indoor Track, and Outdoor Track and Field Teams. He participates in Greater Lowell Tech's cooperative education program and is employed at Advanced Eye Care Associates in Lowell. Following graduation, Habid is planning to major in Nursing at UMass Lowell, and then continue his education to pursue a career as an optometrist.

- Junior Claudia Acero, of Dracut, Marketing Education, is in the top 4% of her class with an overall 4.34 GPA. Claudia has chosen honors-level courses for her academics including English, Algebra 2, and Physics. She has received awards for honor roll and high honor roll and was recently inducted as a member of the National Technical Honor Society/National Honor Society.

Claudia is a member of SkillsUSA and placed first in the 2021 Local Competition for Customer Service. Claudia is currently employed by the Lowell Five as a teller following a successful cooperative education internship with Greater Lowell Tech's on-site bank branch. Following graduation, she plans to continue her education in accounting and pursue a career in banking.

- Sophomore Molly Norris, of Dracut, Health Assisting/Pre-Nursing, has an overall 4.15 GPA and has an academic course load which includes honors-level courses for English, Geometry, and History. She is completing coursework in Dual Enrollment Chemistry through the schools partnership with Quincy College.

Molly is a member of the Freshman/Sophomore Planning Committee and Greater Lowell Swim and Dive Team. Outside of school, Molly dances competitively for Lisa Pilato Dance Center in Dracut and plays recreational soccer. She is a certified lifeguard and is employed by Lowell Parks and Recreation as a lifeguard, lifeguard manager, and swim instructor. Molly has received awards for honor roll and numerous dance awards. She is active in community service, taking part in "End 68 Hours of Hunger" and "Project Santa." After graduation, Molly is planning to continue her education in the healthcare field and pursue a career as a pediatric physician's assistant.

- Freshman Jamie Stanford, of Dracut, achieved High Honor Roll grades in all technical and academic classes during her first term at Greater Lowell. Jamie has completed pre-coursework through Greater Lowell Tech's Exploratory Program, receiving high scores in all areas including Computer Aided Drafting/Design, Culinary Arts, Metal Fabrication, Marketing, and Masonry. Although Jaime enjoyed many technical areas, she particularly enjoyed Health Assisting/Pre-Nursing.

She is an active member of the Greater Lowell Community serving as a Student Ambassador for 8th Grade Tours, Back to School Night, Lowell City of Lights Parade, and Open House. She is also a member of Drama Club and is participating in the upcoming production of "Law and Order: Fairy Tale Unit" as a sound/lighting tech. Following graduation, she plans to enter the military and pursue a career in nursing.