

Shrewsbury High School Senior Scholars 2022

(in alphabetical order)

Penelope Crosby

Penelope has had a remarkable four years at SHS. She is an ambitious and reflective learner. She worked fully remote as a junior and thrived in this environment even with the challenges it naturally presented. Her work ethic and attention to detail have been major factors behind her overall success in the classroom. Penelope is intellectually curious and always open to learning new things. Some of her proudest academic accomplishments include being named a National Merit scholarship finalist and receiving the Superintendent's Award for Academic Excellence. Penelope is a trumpet player who has been part of the SHS Band and Honors Wind Ensemble, while also serving as a peer mentor in the new SHS United Sound program. She has an interest in languages and taught herself the Korean alphabet and Japanese kana so she could read those languages phonetically. Penelope has also participated in Karate over the years and was able to earn her black belt. In her free time she enjoys crocheting, gardening, baking, and going roller skating with friends. Penelope will be attending Tufts University in the fall and plans to study biology or education.

Esme Danielson

Esme is an accomplished young woman in and out of the classroom. She is a resilient and self-motivated individual who always puts forth her best efforts in all aspects of life. She's challenged herself over the years by taking demanding course schedules. Her success in the classroom has allowed her to become a member of the English, Social Science, and National Honor Societies. She currently serves as the Co-President for Model United Nations. She is responsible for managing club finances, recruitment, and deciding which conferences to attend each year. This activity requires her to focus on debate skills, public speaking, and knowledge of current/international affairs. Esme is also a member of our Varsity Speech and Debate team. Similar to Model United Nations, she loves staying on top of current affairs and debating during tournaments. Esme serves as one of our Lead Tutors for our Peer Tutoring Center. She helps students in English, math, and biology. Esme will be attending Boston University in the fall where she will be studying finance.

Dixi Han

Dixi is an extremely accomplished young woman. Looking at her accomplishments, it is easy for one to wonder how she has been able to excel in so many fields at such a young age. Her numerous academic achievements are highlighted by being a U.S. Presidential Scholars Program candidate, a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, and a Superintendent's Award for Academic Excellence winner. Dixi is an accomplished athlete, as she was a two-year captain of the Shrewsbury High School Co-Ed Golf Team. She is also a standout musician, as she is the Principal Chair flutist and soloist of the Worcester Youth Symphony Orchestra, and she has played both flute and piccolo in the SHS Band, Honors Wind Ensemble, and Symphony

Orchestra; she earned Central Districts recognition all four years of high school and was awarded the John Philip Sousa Award this year for superior musicianship and dedication to the SHS band program. Come the fall, Dixi will be attending Brown University where she will be studying computational biology.

Zaineb Irfan

Zaineb is a gifted student who possesses an incredible intellect and an equally laudable work ethic. She has an amazing array of interpersonal skills that consistently earn her the respect of her teachers and peers. While speaking with her teachers, they all shared the belief that Zaineb will make a substantive difference in the world regardless of which field she decides to pursue. With all of her academic success, Zaineb has still been able to balance playing violin in the highest-level local orchestra group, the Worcester Youth Symphony Orchestra, while also excelling in the SHS Orchestra and Honors Chamber Orchestra; she earned Central District honors for the past three years and won the Outstanding Service and Contribution Award for her ensemble this year, while also being a peer mentor in the new SHS United Sound program. Zaineb was also a member of the varsity ski team and the Calligraphy Club for four years. Zaineb will be attending Northeastern University where she will be studying behavioral neuroscience and design.

Jaiyana Kaisar

Jaiyana is a very adaptable and versatile student. Throughout her high school experience, she attended three different high schools: one in Canada, one in Louisiana, and Shrewsbury High School beginning in her Sophomore year. Despite attending three different schools, she was very successful at all she attended. She finishes her career with a GPA in the top ten of her class, and we could not be more proud having her graduate from Shrewsbury High School. An avid reader, Jaiyana often seeks out additional materials on her own to further her learning. She is very dedicated to her education and is a lifelong learner. In the fall, Jaiyana will be continuing her education at University of Massachusetts - Amherst.

Anish Karre

Anish is a driven, amiable young man who has had an impactful four years at Shrewsbury High School. He loves to be challenged and has done this by taking a demanding caseload of courses while excelling in all areas. During the pandemic, he took the initiative and served as an outreach coordinator for SmartHelp, which is a student-led free online tutoring service for students in our community. Anish is also an active member of our Cross Country team and our Computer Club. Coding has always been a passion of his, taking it upon himself to enroll in online classes to focus on data analysis through the coding platform Python. Anish is also a second degree black belt in karate. In the fall Anish will be attending Northeastern University.

Hailey Luke

Hailey's strongest attribute is her innate intellectual curiosity. She genuinely wants to understand the world around her, not just at a superficial level, but at a depth that seeks to understand the interconnectedness of this life. Her work in class is often used as an exemplar for other students. Her quiet, positive impact on those around her points to Hailey's natural academic prowess and hard work outside the classroom. Hailey's peers hold her in high regard as someone who is helpful and wise. Her teachers describe her as a reflective student, capable of introspection that informs her studies and aids in her success. While she has excelled academically, Hailey has been an involved student in many extracurricular activities, always contributing to the positive culture at SHS. These pursuits include membership in Helping Hands Club, Outdoors Club, Special Peer Connections, and considerable hours volunteering. For the past four years, Hailey's volunteer hours at a thrift shop align with her passion for the environment. Her work helps breathe new life into items donated by others, helping to reduce the impact on our planet. Hailey is an advocate for mental health awareness, sharing helpful resources through a social media platform. She is excited to pursue her studies further at the University of Michigan next fall, studying environmental engineering and environmental studies.

Ciara Marshall

Ciara is one of those students that you look at and wonder how she manages to do it all. She was a captain of the basketball team, highly involved in service in the community, and has sought out multiple opportunities over the summers to engage in STEM-related camps and activities, business internships, and her continuing work with Special Olympics. She is a driven and motivated student, participating in our independent learning endeavor, Honors Capstone, titled: *Social Injustice Through Applied Mathematics*. Ciara's independent work on this sustained project showed a high level of intellectual curiosity and application. Ciara is a dynamic and passionate student, and she was accepted through Early Decision to Duke University for the fall. While at Duke she plans to study on the finance track, potentially focusing on economics.

Hannah Mok

Hanna is a leader in every sense of the word; empathetic, ambitious, dedicated, and reliable. She never fails to take on an opportunity to help others, whether it's leading her worship in church or helping her fellow SHS peers. Hannah takes initiatives in the face of challenge, such as when she initiated virtual worship sessions when in-person sessions were canceled due to COVID. In addition to her active leadership and involvement as a Youth Group Leader, Hannah is also the President of the National Chinese Honor Society, a member of the Town Crier school newspaper, a camp counselor, and interns at Forging Opportunities for Refugees in America where she manages schedules for tutors and mentors, in addition to being a tutor herself. Hannah plays the viola and has been a member of the SHS Orchestra and Honors Chamber Orchestra. She's become a well spoken young woman, ready to tackle the challenges the world faces. Her next step will be enrolling at Northeastern University with a major in international relations and economics.

Ann Titus

Ann is a great student, a strong peer leader, and sets an incredible example for those around her. She is personable and has a great sense of humor, and is also very thoughtful and bright. She is organized, hard working, creative, and determined to succeed. Ann is inquisitive, works hard, and is willing to do whatever it takes to be successful. She places high value on balance in her life, being equally motivated and involved in academics and extracurriculars and still making time to enjoy being with her family and friends. Ann has made an impact in the areas of music, church, STEM and volunteering. She served as the president of the Science and Technology Application in Research Club and is part of the SHS Mentor Volunteer Program. She plays the violin and has been a member of the SHS Orchestra and Honors Chamber Orchestra, and Symphony Orchestra, earning Central District her junior year. Ann served as the co-president of United Sound this year, helping to organize this new program and serving as a peer mentor musician. She is most proud of her work ethic and her ability to focus on the process, not just the outcome. Ann will be joining the freshman class at Northeastern University in the fall where she will be studying bioengineering.