

**Shrewsbury High School Class of 2021 Senior Scholars**  
**(in alphabetical order)**

**Ridha Alam**

Ridha Alam is an exceptional student whose drive and perseverance for learning and bringing communities together have led her to many academic and extracurricular achievements. She attributes many of her accomplishments in high school to the meaningful relationships that she has built throughout her time at Shrewsbury High School. She credits her teachers who have provided her with copious opportunities to showcase her skills while growing into a stronger and more independent student. Some of her accomplishments throughout high school include: Treasurer of the Asian Culture Club; President of the Calligraphy Club; member of the National Latin Honors Society, Humans of Shrewsbury, Helping Hands, and Cultural Immersion Planning Committee; Elementary/Middle School Summer Enrichment; 300 hours of community volunteer service at local farmers markets, and more. Ridha plans to live her life without regret and will allow her experiences to teach her how to grow and bounce back. She has committed to the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the fall and will be majoring in Biology in the hopes of becoming a future OB-GYN.

**Nivedhya Cheruvari**

Nivedhya is a driven young woman who has had an incredible four years at Shrewsbury High School. She has been a member of the Speech & Debate team throughout high school and has loved this experience. She was also a national qualifier for the NCFL Grand National Tournament for Speech & Debate the past two years. She has excelled in her academics and has earned her membership in the National, Math, English, French, and Tri-M honor societies. Some of her proudest accomplishments include receiving the service recognition award the past two years and being named silver medalist in the National French Exam. Nivedhya will be attending the University of Connecticut this fall and is planning to major in Allied Health Sciences on the pre-med track.

## **Frances Crosby**

Frances is a truly remarkable young woman who has had an amazing four years in and out of the classroom at Shrewsbury High School. One of her greatest highlights of her high school career is her passion for the performing arts. She has been a member of the SHS Honors Wind Ensemble for all four years of high school while holding positions of first oboe & first chair. She was accepted into the 2020 Central Mass District Music Festival as a member of the concert band. Frances has also earned her membership in the National, French, English, and Tri-M honor societies. She is passionate about her studies and has even found great joy in tutoring peers in French. Frances will be attending Mount Holyoke College this fall and is planning to major in Psychology.

## **Aashirwad Deochakke**

Aashirwad has had an outstanding four years at Shrewsbury High School in and out of the classroom. He's challenged himself each year with a demanding course schedule and excelled in all areas. Through his success in the classroom he's been able to become a member of the Math, French, and National honor societies. He served as the treasurer for the Math Honor Society and tutored fellow peers on the side in all subject areas. He has always been passionate about his academics and wants to help other students reach their full potential. Some of his proudest recognitions over the years have been receiving the AP Scholar award and being named a national merit finalist. Aashirwad will be attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign this fall with plans to major in Computer Science.

## **Alyssa Guo**

Alyssa is a truly remarkable young woman who embraces every challenge she is faced with. She has a true passion for learning! She has earned awards for her piano performances at Music Worcester and New England Piano Teachers' Association, is a US Figure Skating Gold Medalist, and part of the Massachusetts All State Orchestra as a violinist. Alyssa is also a National Merit Recipient, member of National Honor Society, National Math Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, and Tri-M Music Honor Society. Alyssa serves as a role model in every aspect of her life and will continue to leave a positive mark on our world. She will be attending Stanford University next fall with a major in Chemistry on a pre-med track.

## **Aryan Kale**

Aryan is an outstanding young man. He shows a curiosity and eagerness to learn. He has taken a very challenging curriculum throughout high school both in school and outside of school earning straight A's. His hard work and perseverance truly help him excel. Aryan has also earned perfect scores in his standardized subject tests, earning an 800 in Math II and an 800 in Chemistry. He is a member of the Math National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society. Aryan is a natural leader and holds multiple leadership positions at our school including captain of the Varsity Tennis team, president of the Math NHS and Vice President of the Spanish NHS. He is respected by his peers and adults alike. He is also an MVP (Mentor Volunteer Program) leader and has shown strong character and is a strong role model for our underclassmen. Aryan will be majoring in computer science in the fall at Northeastern University.

## **David Lee**

David is such a creative and intelligent young person. Aside from his many academic accomplishments, you can find David on Amazon! He is a published author! Over the last ten years, David has authored five children's books and is currently working on a Young Adult novel series. Through his work as a writer, David has organized over 100 events for young readers to enjoy his work and to promote literacy. At school, David serves as the Vice President of the Speech and Debate Quiz Team and is one of the Editors of the High School's Town Crier newspaper. David contributes to several clubs and advisory committees at the High School and enjoys membership in the National Chinese Honors Society. This past fall, David advanced as a National Merit Finalist. David is planning to attend Boston University to study Computer Science.

## **Collin Lovelace**

Collin is an academically accomplished young person and has been recognized by membership in National Honor Society and Tri-M National Music Honor Society. He earned the Gold Medal, Summa Cum Laude Award on the National Latin Exam and has a meaningful list of volunteer and humanitarian efforts in and around his community. Intrinsically motivated, Collin pursued an online course on Greek and Roman Mythology from University of Pennsylvania. As a result of these many pursuits, Collin received the University of Vermont Citizen Scholar Book Award and is a National Merit Semi-Finalist. He has a sharp mind and an inherent love of learning, which will serve

him well as he studies Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania in the Fall.

### **Nicole Podlipec**

Named a National Merit Commended student and a member of Spanish National Honor Society, Nicole Podlipec proudly earned a 5 on her AP Chemistry exam in the midst of a pandemic! While excelling in academics is a true accomplishment, she earnestly cultivated her passion for creating art by immersing herself in at least one art class each year of high school. Attending National Portfolio Day during junior year and participating in Mass Art's Summer Intensive Animation program helped crystalize the attraction to this creative field. Most meaningful among her extracurricular activities is her active engagement since ninth grade in the Self Defense Club, headed by Mr. Rick Doherty, to which she credits her discipline and confidence. With hopes of becoming an animator, Nicole is excitedly planning to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Two-Dimensional Animation at the School of Visual Art in the city that never sleeps - New York, New York!

### **Divya Raghunathan**

Self-motivated, compassionate, and driven, Divya is an integral member of the Shrewsbury High School student body. She has been a dedicated Student Council Member for the last four years, President of the National Chinese Honor Society, Band President, Treasurer for Tri-M, and member of the National Honor Society and National Math Honor Society. Outside of SHS, she is an active member in the community, serving as President of the Indian Youth Group, member of Destination Imagination, and a volunteer in the Floral Street School Summer Enrichment Program. One of Divya's proudest moments was when she was part of the only winning team from Shrewsbury Public Schools at the Global Destination Imagination competition in her freshman year and was honored by the Governor and Lt. Governor in the Massachusetts State House. Divya will be continuing her education at UMass-Amherst next year!

### **Saanvi Sood**

Saanvi is a dynamic young leader with a great work ethic and a positive outlook. She will tell you that she is most proud of her ability to make and accept mistakes because at the end of the day, weakness is what motivates you to work harder. Saanvi was the head Intern for the Research Science Network at Harvard Innovation Lab and is the co-founder of two data science startups. At SHS, Saanvi was the Secretary of National Latin Honors Society, received Gold and Bronze Medal for National Latin Exam, was a member of the Student Advisory Board within MVP, a member of the National Math Honors Society, and was named Captain of the Girls Winter and Spring track teams. Saanvi will be attending Emory University, with the “Inspire for Change Leadership” scholarship, in the fall where she will double major in Quantitative Sciences and Business.