

Shrewsbury High School Class of 2018 Senior Scholars

Katharine Bowers

Kate Bowers has had an outstanding four years at Shrewsbury High School and is one of highest performing students in her senior class. She has been able to obtain highest honors throughout every quarter of high school. This is an amazing accomplishment that speaks volumes to her dedication to her academics and desire to learn every day. Throughout her high school years, she has challenged herself with the most rigorous schedules that we allow our students to take. She has taken numerous honors and advanced placement level courses. Kate exemplifies exactly what a leader should look like. She currently serves as the president of the French National Honor Society, Model UN vice president, and president/cofounder of Cooking with Chemistry Club. Kate has interned at the University of Massachusetts Medical School biochemistry lab. She was able to observe/work with professionals and had the opportunity to use complex equipment and procedures. She was able to do some projects related to ALS. She plays the flute as a member of the school band and during our spring musical performances. Katharine will be attending Tufts University in the fall.

Mary Canzano

Mary has flourished in the classroom and has had an outstanding four years at Shrewsbury High School. She is the type of student who continues to challenge herself each year in and out of the classroom. Academically, she has had the opportunity to take various honors and advanced placement level courses. These types of schedules prove that Mary is constantly looking to challenge herself and take the most interesting courses she is able to take. She has obtained highest honors for every quarter throughout high school. This is a remarkable accomplishment that not many students achieve. It speaks volumes about her drive and work ethic. Through her success in the classroom she has also been able to be inducted into the National, French, and Math Honor Societies. Mary has persevered through high school with personal challenges making her accomplishments seem effortless. With a passion for the performing arts, Mary is a member of the Honors Women's Choir and participated in the school musical every year as a member of the music ensemble. Mary will be joining the class of 2022 at Northeastern University.

Snigdha Kalathur

Snigdha Kalathur is an outstanding student taking multiple AP classes and earned a perfect score of 800 on her Bio Molecular Subject II test. She is a member of four National Honor Societies including National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, French National Honor Society and Tri M Music Honors Society. What stands out most with Snigdha are the leadership roles that she holds in her activities. She is vice president and secretary for two honor societies and president of the Orchestra. Her leadership ability is apparent in her role as MVP (Mentor Volunteer Program), where Snigdha has been selected to work as a role model for our underclassmen at

SHS. Music is very important to Snigdha as she has been playing the viola for many years and participates in the SHS orchestra, a Chamber Orchestra outside of school, and with the Claflin Hill Youth Orchestra. She has been a member of the math team and editor of the Town Crier, our school paper. She is also on the Excelsior, which is our school literary paper. Snigdha enjoys sports and has been a solid member of the SHS Girls' Varsity Tennis Team. Snigdha holds true to her Indian culture and traditions and has been learning the ancient art form of Bharathanatyam. She has been learning the classical Indian dance, Bharatanatyam, since she was 7 years old. Last summer, she performed in her graduating recital, which is called Arangetram. This demonstrates her level of commitment, passion and dedication for learning that has made her so successful as she will continue her success at Boston University this fall.

Abhinav Kareddy

Abhinav has a scientific curiosity and interest that has prompted him to take our highest level of science classes. Abhinav completed a year-long research project in the field of science and math and participated in the regional and state science fairs. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, National English Honor Society, and National Social Science Honor Society. Abhinav has been involved in many activities in and out of school including Speech and Debate, Swim Team and community volunteering efforts. These included a Health Walk to raise money in memory of his grandmother who died from heart disease. For the past two years, he visited his grandmother's home village and helped to create a health fair where he worked with many medical professionals to bring assistance and treatment to people in need. Abhinav was selected to work as a summer research assistant for the past two summers and will be included in part of a research publication from Boston Children's Hospital. He has a strong desire to become a doctor and benefited from his research experience, gathering data. Abhinav will start his college adventures at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Maya McCollum

Maya McCollum is an exceptional student having earned numerous accolades for her academics. She is a National Merit Commended Scholar, as well as enjoying membership in National Honor Society, National Chinese Honor Society, and National Math Honor Society. Additionally, Maya received the Dartmouth Book Award as a junior. Maya is a decorated member of the Speech & Debate team, sits on the Student Advisory Committee and Mentor Volunteer Program board, is an accomplished musician, and was the 2016 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) representative from Shrewsbury High School. Maya is described as having a kind and compassionate nature; a true friend to all! She plans to attend University of Massachusetts Amherst, Honors College in the fall.

Ahana Mukhopadhyay

A National Merit Commended student and Harvard Book Award recipient, Ahana is an AP Scholar with Distinction who will have taken twelve AP Exams by year's end. Always taking her academics seriously, she is active in NHS and Math NHS, and was voted President of Spanish National Honor Society and Co-Captain of the Math Team. Participating in Speech and Debate since middle school, this year she was State Champion in Radio Broadcasting. For four years, she has actively supported school spirit through her elected Student Council Representative position. Co-Captain of the Varsity Tennis Team for the second year, she is ranked first, singles and was recognized as a Mid-Wach All-Star in 9th and 11th grade. Playing piano for fourteen years, she placed 2nd in the Crescendo International Competition and she has played on multiple occasions at Carnegie Hall. With a fascination for artificial intelligence and excitement for research opportunities, she has chosen to attend Carnegie Mellon University next year to study Computer Science.

Matthew Slaughter

Extremely talented and modest, Matthew is an integral member of the SHS student body. He is a member of the Improv Club, SHS Musical, Speech & Debate team, Vice President of A Capella Choir, Treasurer of the Spanish National Honors Society, President of the Tri-M Music Honors Society, and a member of the Mentor Volunteer Program. Matt has a genuine passion for music and acting, thus participating in numerous musicals and other performances. Most notably, he has participated in the All State Choir performance at Symphony Hall. This choir consists of over 200 talented vocalists from around Massachusetts. Admission into the choir is extremely selective and requires multiple auditions, which include sight singing, intervals, scales, and two songs, one in Italian and one in Latin. Additionally, Matt has taken on major character roles in the SHS Spring Musicals, is an accomplished piano player and most recently has become a skilled tap dancer. In the community, Matt has given back through serving as a math tutor and has also raised money to participate in an ALS Bike Ride in memory of a family friend. Matt will be continuing his education at North Carolina State next year!

Suchir Ural

Suchir has been a leader in various areas. He considers his time on the Speech and Debate team to be his most important activity. He won the New England District Tournament, Quarterfinalled (5th) at the State Debate tournament, and currently holds the position of Treasurer and Extemporaneous Speech Captain. He has been on varsity cross-country, Indoor, and Outdoor track throughout high school, and was a League All-Star (gold medalist) last outdoor season. He has also been interning in a research group at WPI that focuses around modeling reactions that can make solar cells potentially more efficient. Suchir is a National Merit Finalist, and the Vice President of Spanish National Honors Society and Treasurer of Math, where he focused on improving the tutoring system in those subjects for the school.

community, since that's the form of community service he enjoys the most. Last but not least, he will be attending Georgia Tech and majoring in Chemical and Biomolecular engineering.

Albert Xu

Albert has been an exemplary leader at Shrewsbury High School. He is the captain of the math and science teams. He was a member of student council, several honors societies, and the high school quiz show. Albert has selflessly devoted over 100 hours of community service. Some of his favorite accomplishments include being an American Invitational Mathematics Examination Qualifier, a USA Junior Mathematical Olympiad Qualifier and making the All-State Orchestra for Massachusetts. Albert is also a National Merit Finalist. He excels in all areas in which he has strong interest and is passionate in solving math and science problems. He looks forward to studying math at Carnegie Mellon University in the fall.

Jaymie Wei

Jaymie is a role model academically. She values working with her peers and loves to tutor. She is an avid tennis player and not only values the competition, but also that it is a lifelong activity which she will enjoy. She is a member of several honors societies and values her leadership role with literary publications at SHS. She was instrumental in hosting the first ever SHS poetry slam and has helped many of her peers explore and develop their own passion for writing. Jaymie's passion for learning goes far beyond earning straight A's. She truly loves to learn and explore many different topics. Writing is one of her passions where she is creative, organized and humble. She plans on pursuing a liberal arts degree at Dartmouth College next year to give herself time to explore what the future holds.