

January Student of the Month—Nora Perez



The Stewart County High School (SCHS) faculty is pleased to announce that Nora Perez was chosen January Student of the Month. This award was given in acknowledgement of her academic achievement, student involvement, and for serving as an exceptional role model for underclassmen. Following high school, Perez will be seeking a biological engineering degree at the University of Georgia.

Ranked fourth in the Class of 2021, Perez is known for her commitment to scholastic achievement. While in high school she has earned 45 credit hours at Austin Peay State University and Murray State University. She

also has the distinction of being a member of the 30+ ACT Club, which recognizes students for scoring a 30 or above on the test. In recognition of her academic performance, she has earned four Black & Gold awards in Digital Business Communications, Dual Enrollment English, Dual Enrollment Economics, and for overall Academic Achievement her sophomore year. Science teacher, Allen Ralls, speaks favorably of Perez remarking, “Two words that come to mind when I think of Nora Perez are cool and resilient. How many people do you know that can drive a straight shift vehicle? I know of one, Nora. How cool is that, and it's a Jeep that she drives that takes it to another level. Nora is also resilient. When we shut down for COVID, out of my 128 students, Nora stuck with me until the end of the school year. When others had stopped after hearing grades were frozen, Nora wanted the knowledge and plowed through the difficult time. Nora has had other setbacks but you'd never know it. Out of all her great qualities of grades, scores, and work ethic, it is how she handled these problems that have impressed me the most. She has always held her head high and carried the humility of an adult. Her ability to overcome adversity gives me confidence she will be successful.”

Perez is a five-year member of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and currently holds the position of Co-President. She has challenged herself through the Competitive Events Program at Regional and State Leadership Conferences in presentation events. Perez twice attended the TN FBLA Fall Leadership Camp and has led workshops at the SCHS Local Leadership Conference held each fall. She has served four years as the Secretary of the SCHS Student Council, and is a member of Beta. Lora Black, Library Media Specialist and Beta sponsor shared this about Perez, “Nora is intelligent and driven to be her best. She enjoys learning, and it shows in every aspect of her academic record. I have had the privilege to have a window into her personal ACT preparation plan, and I was so impressed with her focus, self-direction, and motivation. However, her best quality is her genuine kindness, and that, coupled with her other great qualities, will make her shine wherever life takes her.” Perez has been a member of Girl Scouts of America since 2009 earning both the Bronze and Silver Awards. She has also clocked over 50 hours of community service working with the Stewart County Backpack Program.

When asked to reflect on her time at SCHS, Perez stated, “Being a student at Stewart County High School has prepared me for college by growing my confidence. All of my teachers have been very supportive of my work and through this I have grown confident in my academic abilities. SCHS has also provided me opportunities to explore my interests such as business, biology, and teaching. Because I was able to take a variety of courses in high school I am confident that I will enjoy the major I am headed into.”

Nora is the daughter of Anthony and Amy Perez.