

January Student of the Month—Katelyn Cherry

Katelyn Cherry was chosen as January Student of the Month by the Stewart County High School (SCHS) faculty. This award was given in acknowledgement of her academic achievement, student involvement, and for serving as an exceptional role model for underclassmen. Cherry's plans after high school are to attend Middle Tennessee State University and study in the Delta Propel Pilot Program in order to become a commercial airline pilot.

Named Valedictorian of her class, Cherry is known for her academic excellence. She has earned Black and Gold Awards for Honors Algebra I, Computer Applications, Honors Physical Science, Government, United States History, and Geography. She was selected to represent SCHS as a 2019 American Legion Auxiliary Volunteer Girls State delegate. In 2020, she received the Tennessee Governor's Volunteer Star Award, an initiative designed to recognize outstanding volunteers from each county. Allen Ralls, science teacher, affirms her academic focus saying, "The road to success is



long and challenging. Sometimes along the road you'll have bumps and it's how you handle these bumps that will either stop you in your tracks or create opportunities to find other ways around these problems. These bumps can create resilience that will help in life to overcome obstacles we face. Katelyn Cherry, although valedictorian, has hit many of these bumps along this road, but it's how she's handled the obstacles that impress me most. None of us know or can do everything well but Katelyn's perseverance has made her the well rounded person she is now, and her future looks bright."

Cherry is a four-year member of Future Business Leaders of America, and the leadership team, and currently serves as chapter Co-President. She is a three-time competitor at the Tennessee FBLA State Leadership Conference in team presentation events. In 2019, her team placed first in the Broadcast Journalism event and traveled to San Antonio, Texas to compete at the FBLA National Leadership Conference. She is also a member of the yearbook staff and holds the position of Photography Editor. She is a four-year member of Family, Community, and Career Leaders of America, a three-year member of the Building Every Asset Right from the Start (BEARS), and a member of Beta. Carlee Gray, social studies teacher, has this to say about Cherry, "I have had the pleasure of being Katelyn's teacher in three separate classes: World history and government when she was a sophomore, and also for United States history during her junior year. In all of these classes, Katelyn has been an exceptional student, giving one hundred percent effort each and every day. She is self-motivated and dedicated to excellence in her education, as proven by her numerous Black and Gold Awards and her success in being named Valedictorian of her graduating class. Katelyn is an assiduous and brilliant student, and I have no doubt that she will continue to exceed expectations as she enters college and begins her pathway to a rewarding career."

When asked how her time at SCHS has prepared her for her future, Cherry responded, "My time at Stewart County High School has prepared me by proving that hard work, dedication, and determination are what it takes to achieve my goals. From gaining self confidence to having once in a lifetime opportunities, SCHS has shaped me into the person I am today. I am blessed to have had such a great experience."

Katelyn is the daughter of Clay and Katie Cherry.