

GHS Senior of the Month – February 2024

Grace Spaulding

I am pleased to present Grace Spaulding as a Gloucester High School February 2024 Senior of the Month. In the words of one teacher, “Grace is an excellent student. She is hard-working and dependable in all of her classes, and she is respectful to her teachers and peers. She is also always willing to help others in need in any way she can.”

Grace is an excellent student, maintaining a 3.704 GPA while taking a demanding course load, including many Honors, Advanced Placement, and Dual Enrollment classes. She is a member of the Beta Club and Renaissance Club, which works to promote a positive school culture for students and staff. Outside of school, Grace has fifteen years of experience as a competitive cheerleader and works as a receptionist at a local hair salon. After graduating from GHS in June, Grace plans to attend college and study Neuroscience or Psychology, with a goal of becoming a criminal psychologist. She is still deciding which school to attend, but is leaning towards James Madison University.

Grace’s hard work in the classroom, involvement in school activities, and positive contributions to her community are an embodiment of the Duke Way. Grace is an exemplary representative of our school, and I am extremely proud to recognize her as a February 2024 Senior of the Month.

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Avery Watkins

I am proud to present Avery Watkins as a Gloucester High School February 2024 Senior of the Month. The teacher who nominated Avery called her “a multi-sport athlete and classroom scholar who shows the Duke Way with her sportsmanship and respect for her teammates and competitors on the field and court, and is engaged as an academic athlete in the classroom!”

Avery has been a member of the GHS soccer and field hockey programs since eighth grade. This past fall, she was named First-Team All-State in field hockey, and helped lead the Dukes team that won the Region Championship and finished State Runner-Up. This winter, she joined the GHS basketball team and was a major contributor for the team, despite not having played basketball since sixth grade. Avery is also an outstanding singer who has been in the GHS Chorus for four years, and she played the role of Little Red Riding Hood in the 2022 GHS production of the musical *Into the Woods*.

In the classroom, Avery has maintained a 4.35 GPA while challenging herself with numerous advanced courses. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Tri-M Music Honor Society, and the Hope Squad, and she works part-time as an administrative assistant at the Chesapeake Marine Training Institute. After high school, Avery will enroll at the University of Lynchburg, where she will play field hockey and major in Psychology, with the goal of becoming a speech-language pathologist. Avery’s character and work ethic make her a role model for her peers, and I am honored to present her as a GHS Senior of the Month.

GHS Senior of the Month – January 2024 (Unable to attend in January)

Charles Somervell III

It is a pleasure to present Charles Somervell III as a Gloucester High School January 2024 Senior of the Month. Charlie is described by a teacher as having a “great attitude and he is polite to everyone in class. All in all, a he is great person”.

Charlie has distinguished himself in the classroom and in the performing arts. He has played the trombone in the GHS Band for all four years of high school, and has been selected for All-District Band each year. This past fall, Charlie was one of the drum majors for the GHS Marching Dukes, helping to lead the band to a highly successful season, including straight Superior ratings at the VBODA State Marching Band Assessment. Charlie also excels academically, maintaining an overall GPS of 4.560 while taking many Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, and Honors classes.

Charlie is a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, the Treasurer for the National Honor Society, and participates in Beta Club. Outside of school, he works as a lifeguard for a local neighborhood pool. He especially enjoys math, and plans to major in mathematics in college, possibly at Washington & Lee University. Charlie is an outstanding representative of GHS with a bright future ahead of him, and I am proud to present him as a January Senior of the Month.