

## **Shrewsbury High School Class of 2020 Senior Scholars**

(in alphabetical order)

### **Stefanie Del Rosario**

Stefanie is a very conscientious and well-accomplished student. She is incredibly independent in managing her work and excels in everything she does ranging from academics to music to volunteer service. Stefanie is currently enrolled in an Advanced Foreign Language seminar class at the College of the Holy Cross through their Gifted Program. She truly enjoys the challenge. She has received a number of academic awards including the AP Scholar with Honor Award as well as the Cornell University Book Award. In addition, she has been recognized as a National Merit Commended Student. Her academic success has also been recognized through her induction in the National Honor Society, National Latin Honor Society, and Tri-M Music Society. She has a true passion for learning and is looking forward to the challenge of college-level academics. Stefanie is truly a remarkable young woman who is determined to be successful and willing to learn and take risks as she begins her next adventure at **Brown University**.

### **Hannah Huang**

Academically, Hannah is among the top students in her class. She is always electing to take the most competitive classes that our school offers, and excels. She has had major accomplishments including the Superintendent's Award, which is only awarded to three students in a class of over 500! She has maintained Highest Honors all four years, received the National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation and earned a perfect 36 on the ACT exam. She received the Alice Francis Wolf Award for distinction and dedication and excellence in swimming as a member of the SHS Varsity Swim Team for four years. She also received the Central District Festival all four years as a violinist in the Chamber Orchestra. Last summer, Hannah was accepted to the Northeastern University Young Scholars program (one of 22 students in the state) where she was involved in ongoing research on a millimeter-wave scanning application. She is a member of three different National Honor Societies and carries leadership positions. Her achievements are endless. Outside of school, Hannah is in the New England Conservatory Prep School attending weekly practices in Boston. She maintains part-time employment at Kumon Learning Center where she has worked since the ninth grade. Hannah volunteers to help others through tutoring and with her

church youth group in Boston. She is excited to join the Class of 2024 at **Columbia University** next year!

### **Sunny Huang**

Sunny has earned perfect scores on his ACTs as well as perfect 800 scores on his Math II Subject test and Chemistry test. Academically, he received multiple awards and honors for his academic excellence including the Chemistry Award in his junior year. He has been inducted to the National Honor Society, National Math Honor Society and Tri M Honor Society. Sunny not only excels in school but he also participates in countless extracurricular activities. He is committed to music as a violinist and is a long-term member of our Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra. He is also a member of the Worcester Youth Symphony Orchestra. Sunny is also an accomplished pianist who has earned a diploma with distinction from the prestigious ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music). This achievement took five years of testing and countless hours mastering his skills. Math is one of Sunny's greatest strengths and as a member of the Math Team, he successfully competed and earned awards. His favorite class is Chemistry and he has served as a Chemistry Tutor. Sunny is also a member of the Asian Culture Club and the GMAD (Globally Making a Difference). One of his favorite hobbies is tennis and he has been on the SHS Tennis team for the past three years. Sunny has held summer jobs at Kumon teaching young students. He has also worked at Yurogen, a biotech company located in Worcester as a paid summer intern gaining valuable experience in the "real world" working with adults in the laboratory. He will continue his education next year at **Northeastern University!**

### **Brady McCue**

Brady McCue is an exceptional student whose intrinsic motivation for learning has led to numerous academic and extracurricular achievements. Among these highlights are Debate Captain of the Shrewsbury High School Speech & Debate Team and Editor-in-Chief of *Town Crier*, the high school newspaper. Brady also serves as a member of the Mentor Volunteer Program (MVP) Advisory Board and Treasurer of the National Chinese Honor Society. He's most proud of his volunteer work with both the Floral Street Summer Enrichment Camp and the middle school Speech & Debate club. He credits the positive experience he had in 8<sup>th</sup> grade with opening his eyes to the opportunity of Speech & Debate. Now, he shares that same enthusiasm with the students at Oak in his role as the Middle School Speech & Debate Liaison. Over the last

four years, Brady has spent countless hours helping the middle school students prepare for their competitions. It's been his express pleasure to pay it forward in the same way he was encouraged years ago.

Brady applied Early Decision to **Grinnell College** in Iowa, where he will be attending next fall, studying the fields of psychology and economics.

### **Shawn Noronha**

"...and these are the morning announcements." Shawn's was the voice heard over the PA many mornings throughout the past school year. Dedicated to Student Council, he serves as Vice President and previously Treasurer, and he relishes the challenges of coordinating and organizing multiple people to execute events, and he is most proud to have written the winning application for the first-ever Gold Council Award! Leading National Chinese Honor Society as President, he serves as Vice President of Math National Honor Society, Secretary of Tri-M, and President of GMAD. A member of the Speech & Debate and Varsity Tennis teams, he was also recognized by the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program as a Semifinalist and as a National Merit Finalist. Completing a total of nine AP classes at SHS, he plans to attend **Carnegie Mellon University** where he will double-major in chemical engineering and biomedical engineering.

### **Jessica Peng**

Most proud of her commitment to Speech & Debate, Jessica served as Speech Captain 2019-2020, won the National Championship in Original Oratory at the George Mason University Tournament, and placed first in Massachusetts Impromptu Speaking. A passionate participant in theater all four years, she was pleased to be part of the 2018 and 2019 shows that earned TAMY Awards for Best Production. A two-time Gold Medalist for her performance on the National Spanish Exam, she was an original member of the Student Wellness Ambassador Group (SWAG) since 2018 when the group formed and a member of the Mentor Volunteer Program (MVP) Advisory Board this year. A National Merit Finalist, she also won the \$2500.00 Scholarship. Choosing seven AP classes that were of greatest interest to her during junior and senior years, she plans to attend **Vanderbilt University** where she will study psychology.

## **Sophia Peng**

President of Speech & Debate, a three-time State Champion, and a five-time finalist at national tournaments, in 2019, Sophia earned a spot among the top ten competitors in the country in Informative Speaking. Chairperson of the Student Advisory Committee, she regularly delivered reports on events and activities at SHS to the School Committee. Currently Vice President of Spanish National Honor Society (now VP) and member of Math National Honor Society and National Honor Society through which she regularly offers tutoring, she also co-leads the SHS Med Club. As an enthusiastic participant in the Capstone initiative at SHS, Sophia created a podcast as her project. A lover of humanities, she eagerly read every book ever assigned to her in English and she survived AP Chemistry, along with six other highly demanding AP courses offered at SHS. Most passionate about health topics, she is eager to study biology and anthropology at **Rice University** in Texas.

## **Lanna Wang**

Lanna's academic achievements extend through all subject areas, including art and virtual high school. She received top scores in her 4 AP courses as a junior, as well as top SAT and ACT scores. She is a National Merit Finalist, won the Harvard Book Award as a junior, and was inducted into several honor societies. As an officer in speech and debate, Lanna contributed to much of the team's success as well as supported her teammates. Her passion is Chinese dance where she has been a central part of the Angel Dance Company competition team. Lanna is also known at SHS for her contributions to the Art department. As a member of the National Art Honor Society, she won first place in painting and best of show at the Anna Maria Art and Design competition. Lanna is a dedicated, hard-working, and kind-spirited individual who will leave big shoes to fill. She plans on majoring in product design and will be attending **Stanford University**.

## **Vivian Weng**

Vivian has been a quiet strength at SHS since her freshman year. Her outstanding academic accomplishments have been coupled with an exciting and intense career in competitive swimming. She has been successful in multiple AP courses and had top scores in her junior year AP exams. Vivian has been able to maintain this rigorous and

intense academic schedule along with her swim training, which has taken 6-7 days a week since she was in elementary school. She qualified for the USA summer junior nationals in 2019, she was on the USA swimming all American scholastic team for 2018 and 2019, and she was named a New England top ten and outstanding swimmer in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Vivian will be continuing her academic and swimming excellence at **Yale University** in the fall.

### **Athena Wu**

Dedication, drive, and passion are just a few words to describe Athena Wu. She is a top student who has challenged herself in AP-level courses in all subject areas, including virtual high school. Her passion for learning extends beyond the school day with her involvement in various activities. She was a co-president and co-founder of the “Girls who code” club, which focuses on helping the over 60 female members gain exposure and experience in several STEM areas. Athena has been captain of the varsity math team for several years, providing support and guidance to her teammates and contributing to their many successes. She is a five-time national qualifier for speech and debate, where she is passionate about bringing awareness to forgotten historical atrocities through her work. Athena is also a captain of the varsity tennis team and is active with community service. Her role in these groups as well as her support and guidance of her peers will contribute to her legacy at SHS. Athena plans to major in computer science along with finance or business at the **Georgia Institute of Technology**.