

## **Shrewsbury High School Senior Scholars - Class of 2023**

(in alphabetical order)

### **Nicole Aredes**

Nicole Aredes is an exceptionally talented student who makes the most of her opportunities both in and out of the classroom. Nicole has spent her high school career balancing our most rigorous of course offerings with several part-time jobs, academic enrichment and extracurricular activities. Nicole's dedication to her studies is reflected in her appointment into the National Honor Society, Math National Honor Society, and as the current Vice President of the National Latin Honor Society. She serves as the Co-Captain of the Shrewsbury High School Quiz Team and has represented Shrewsbury High School twice in the High School Quiz Show Final Competitions, televised on WGBH Boston. Throughout her time at SHS, she has shared her enjoyment of crocheting by joining our Needlework Club. Outside of school, she volunteers at the Teen Room in the Shrewsbury Public Library, holds a job at a local entertainment center, and is an active member of her family. Next fall, Nicole will be attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst Honors College with a major in civil engineering.

### **Sohani Curtis**

Sohani is an incredibly accomplished young woman in and out of the classroom. She is a curious and self-motivated student. She has a love for learning new material and is excited for all the possibilities that come with new information. She has challenged herself over the years by taking a demanding course schedule. Through her success she has been able to become a member of the Tri-M, French, and National Honor Societies. Outside of the classroom Sohani has been involved with ballet, tutoring, playing the double bass, and volunteering throughout the community. One of her proudest accomplishments has been serving as an ambassador for the WooServes program. Volunteering has really opened her eyes and created this desire to help make a positive impact on someone's life. Sohani will be attending Williams College in the fall and plans to study Political Economics and Biology.

### **Aditi Dosi**

Aditi derives joy and happiness through learning. She always tries to look at the positive side of life and keeps moving forward regardless of what obstacles present themselves. Aditi is driven and focused on her future studying medicine. She is very passionate about all things Biology. I am very impressed with her desire to learn and level of maturity. She stays humble and treats everyone with kindness. She is one of the most genuine students that I have had the pleasure of working with. She has earned a number of academic as well as extracurricular recognitions and the following are just a few examples: National Qualifier for Speech and Debate, Presidential Service Award, Finalist at the SEVA International Dance Competition, Finalist for the Regeneron Science and Engineering Fair, recipient of the Dartmouth Book Award, and

recipient of the Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction in Spanish. Aditi will be attending Tufts University in the fall and plans to study pre-medicine.

### **Alia Haytham**

What makes Alia stand out amongst her peers is her genuine kindness and generosity. Teachers have applauded her friendliness and encouragement of others in the classroom all four years of her high school career. She notices the small things and goes out of her way to personalize her interactions with all ranging from personalized gifts to her everyday conversations. Academically Alia is a very strong student as she is part of multiple Honor Societies including National, Chinese, English, and Tri-M. Outside of the school day Alia is very passionate about music and spending time with her family. Her sense of adventure and travel with her family have helped her find a passion of hers, helping others in need. She volunteers her time at United Way of Central Massachusetts where she is an ambassador of the WooServes program. Alia can also be found serving her community at Girls Inc. in Worcester. She is a difference maker and we all cannot wait to see what she is going to accomplish in her future. She will be attending Northeastern University and is undecided on her major.

### **Elena Li**

One of the things to admire most about Elena is her varied interests outside of academics. Elena loves the creative process and enjoys pursuits like: origami, clay sculptures, playing piano, and building keyboards from scratch. Her teachers agree that Elena is a problem solver who thrives on conceptualizing topics. Her acumen has been recognized by membership in multiple Honor Societies: National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, Secretary of Latin Honor Society, and an officer of English Honor Society. As a junior, Elena received the Cornell Book Award. In 12th grade, Elena earned the Seal of Biliteracy in Latin and recently received the award for Most Outstanding student in Latin. Additionally, Elena earned distinction as an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar and has been recognized for Outstanding Achievement in World Civilizations and the Most Outstanding student in English. On top of Elena's academic achievements, she's also Captain of the Math Team, and member of Varsity Swim Team. She is excited to pursue her studies further at Carnegie Mellon University next fall, studying Electrical and Computer Engineering.

### **Jamie Li**

Jamie is an exceptional student and her teachers consistently remark on her depth of knowledge and intelligence in the classroom. Outside of the classroom, Jamie is a Varsity swimmer for the high school and participated in a club team. She serves as Treasurer for both National Latin Honor Society and Tri M, the music national honor society, and is an accomplished musician. Jamie can play the violin, piano, bass, guitar, and she sings. She shares her many musical talents with our United Sound program, serving as Co-President. When she's not creating beautiful music, Jamie can be found volunteering as a tutor. Jamie is a

dynamic and passionate student, who will attend Boston University in the fall, where she plans to major in Classical Studies.

### **Charles Prince**

Charlie is an extraordinary student with a curious, reflective and analytical mindset. Charlie doesn't shy away from learning new things or taking on challenges. His teachers have remarked on their appreciation for his ability to look for deeper meaning in what he learns, ability to fully grasp nuanced ideas with great clarity, and determination for finding new ways to challenge himself. Charlie's curious nature is also reflected in his extracurricular activities, such as when he started volunteering at the Worcester County Food Bank and other community food pantries after learning about and researching food insecurity. Charlie tutors other students as part of the National French Honor Society, participates in Cross Country and on the Track Team, and is the Vice President of the National Honor Society. His next step will be enrolling at Case Western University where he plans to major in Cognitive Science.

### **John Qiu**

John is the type of person who challenges himself with high standards, makes a sincere effort to help others, and has shown perseverance over the years to get to where he is today. This is reflected in his academic work by taking nine AP courses during his time at SHS and his continuous pursuit of musical prowess by improving his skills and attending competitions. He has been elected the class president since his sophomore year, has been a member of Boston Philharmonic Youth Orchestra since 2017 and his current position is one of the fixed four stands in the first violin section among over 40 violinists in the orchestra. He was selected as a finalist in the 2022 Fidelity Investments Young Artists Competition at the Boston Pops. He participated in the United States National Chemistry Olympiad Competition after self-studying chemistry in 2020. John was also a co-captain of the state champion SHS E-Sports team. John will pursue a pre-med track when he attends Brown University in the fall.

### **Carlos Reyes**

Carlos has consistently been an exceptional student while at SHS and excels academically, but he has a particular passion for math and computers. When he was growing up, his favorite toy was a calculator. He has maintained an impressive grade point average while balancing academics with extracurricular activities, such as tutoring, teaching kids to code, performing in and supporting the school play or musical, pursuing independent computing projects, and participating in the Research Science Network (RSN) at Harvard Innovation Labs. Over the years, he has grown to become a resilient, persistent, and creative problem solver, receiving statewide recognition in math competitions and exploring the possibilities of machine learning. However, Carlos wants it to be known that his experience with being a member of the lighting crew in the performing arts department has given him a new passion not related to academics. Carlos would like to thank teachers in the performing arts department for giving him that opportunity and he is eager to continue his education at Purdue University next year.

## **William Wu**

William is not only an outstanding student, leader and entrepreneur but is also a genuine, humble and caring person. He cares for his family, friends and the world around him. He has big, important ideas and he is not afraid to put them into action. William is passionate about equity and fairness for all. William founded [covidsschooltracker.com](https://covidsschooltracker.com) and led a team to help track COVID cases in schools across the nation. As of today, the platform has been featured in the Washington Post's Extraordinary People Series and has been visited by people from 108 different countries. He is also a winner of the 2021 Congressional App Challenge for developing the platform Polynomo, which works to increase civic engagement, address political misinformation, and hinder political polarization. He has been on the Student Council for the past four years, during which he was Treasurer for two years, and is currently President. In this role, has led town meetings alongside the Principal, organized fundraisers to meet community needs, and hosted school-wide events such as the Spirit Rally, and the Student Council has won the Gold Council of Excellence Award for the past three years. William has also been a successful student-athlete as a member of the SHS Swim Team. He is an AP Scholar, has consistently made the High Honors list, and was a recipient of the Harvard Book Award. William will be entering Harvard University in the fall.