



Issaquah High Student Profile

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What classes at school do you love and why?

My favorite classes are choir and material science, even though we are online, I love being in class and I love my teacher Mrs. Irish. I also love material science because I like the real world application of the skills that I develop.

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

My favorite high school memory is probably playing soccer as a freshman. I was on C-team freshman year and we always have a collection of preseason games against the JV and varsity teams. After a crazy game, the C-team came out on top and beat JV 3-1. That was a crazy game and it set the tone for a crazy freshman year where we went 13-0.

Tell us about your elected position in ASB this year?

Being a part of ASB is truly an amazing experience and the election was even more fun. I loved being able to talk to all of my peers and classmates and asking them what their concerns were. Being elected was a huge honor and I couldn't have done it without the support of my friends, family, peers and excited students. Working with the ASB class has been a dream, and I can't imagine what my senior year would have been like had I not been elected president.



Are you in a club/group and if so, what are the best parts of being in that club/group? Any memorable experiences you would like to share?

I am part of In Harmony which is a men's vocal group. I really love the group dynamic; all of the guys are really nice and rehearsals are always really fun. My favorite moment in In Harmony was probably performing in our winter concert, we performed the same song as a tradition and a different song. Our traditional song (Nuttin' for Christmas) always has funny choreography and always sounds great. It's always really fun to be in concert.

Do you have any cool hobbies?

I have many hobbies but my favorite one is playing the bass guitar. I have been playing the bass since I was 6 years old, that makes me an 11-year veteran of slapping out tunes.

Is volunteering part of your life? If so, tell us about your volunteering experiences and what you love about them?

I am fairly involved in my church; my favorite volunteering opportunity is the church festival every year. I go to 2 different churches, The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, located in Capitol Hill and Montlake respectively. Every year the churches hold a Greek cultural festival as a fundraiser for the churches. You can find me in the Gyro Booth cooking up some delicious Greek food. I love knowing that my work every year is helping the church evangelize and grow.



Do you have a job? If so, where do you work and what do you do? What are the highlights of working there?

I do not have a job, only odd jobs helping my dad.



Do you know your plans yet after high school? If so, tell us about them.

I am planning on going to college and majoring in political science and after graduating I may try to go to law school. After that I hope to have a career in politics.