



Issaquah High Student Profile

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IH Class of 2021!

What classes at school do you love and why?

I LOVE ASB class! This is one of the most unique, creative, and inclusive classroom environments ever. I have been so lucky to get four wonderful years in this class.

As for core-subjects, I am a HUGE history fan. Anything government/history related, I automatically love because of how much there is to learn, and how relevant it can be to today.



Are you a running start student? If so, full-time or part-time? What do you love about taking college classes with the running start program? Any pros and/or cons with taking running start classes during high school?

I do part-time running start at Bellevue College! I take three classes at IHS, and 2-3 per quarter at BC. Doing running start has really opened up my schedule during the day to give me more time to focus on extracurriculars, my job, or even just more time to study. I would definitely recommend doing part-time because it still allows me to feel connected to IHS, but I also have the opportunity to explore more class options and paths through Bellevue College as well.

What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Although it may be expected, my favorite memories from high school are definitely from fall football games. I cannot wait to break out my spirit-gear every fall and cheer as loudly as possible. There is nothing more exciting than seeing the surge of school spirit after a win, or an intense game.

Are you in a club and if so, what are the best parts of being in that club? Any memorable experiences you would like to share? (While ASB technically isn't a club, I thought I would share it here!)

I have been in the ASB class since my Freshman year of high school! I originally got involved in ASB because of my position in Freshman/Sophomore class council. As time went on, I realized that my true passion was the ASB class and the special dynamic that the class has. I served as ASB Student Activities Coordinator last year and discovered that there is so much more behind the scenes work than I could have ever imagined. Although it was not an "easy" role by any means, I had so much fun working with my peers and challenging each other every day to be better than the day before. I am currently serving as ASB Co-President and am really enjoying it so far! My favorite part of ASB is our annual workshop with Scott Backovich. At this event, we meet with ASB classes from Liberty, Skyline and Gibson Ek to spend an entire day planning for the upcoming year. We learn countless leadership skills and return to our schools with heads full of ideas for events. Picture above is of me (on the right) and former Senior Class President, Madi Yeh from an ASB workshop. Picture below is a class photo from the annual Scott Backovich workshop in 2018 (my sophomore year).



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

Outside of IHS, I am Co-President of the Issaquah Highlands Youth Advisory board! This unique board consists of middle/high schoolers in the Issaquah Highlands who are dedicated to making our community more inclusive. We host events for teenagers to get involved and get to know one another.

This board has been a huge part of my leadership growth and I am so grateful for the hard work that everyone has put into their positions.

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

I work at Nordstrom Rack! This job is so exciting and entertaining at all times. I have definitely grown a lot over the past year at work. This job has really allowed me to get more comfortable talking to customers, being flexible, and learning to make the best out of things! I have been fortunate enough to have managers who really value younger employees and really care about educating and preparing us for potential future careers in the fashion/business industry.

What do you do for fun? Please share more about what you do for fun in your spare time.

Outside of school I really enjoy travelling! I actually had the opportunity to go to Italy and Greece with a few other IHS students along with Ms. Jansen and Ms. Shane. This trip was everything that I could have imagined and more! My favorite memory of that trip was watching the sunset over Florence, Italy with a scoop of gelato and my best friends by my side. I also spent most of my childhood in Calgary, Alberta. My family and I used to take weekend trips to Banff, and Lake Louise. We also spent time travelling through Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and North Dakota. Any opportunity that I can get to explore a new place, I will take it!

