



## Issaquah High Student Profile

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IHS Class of 2021

#### What classes at school do you love and why?

I have loved the English classes I have had the privilege of taking at Issaquah High. Reading and writing have always been my strongest subjects and the classes like AP Lang and other English classes have given me the opportunity to get to do what I love in unique and challenging ways. We read

some extremely interesting books and had intriguing writing assignments that have allowed me to learn and grow as a writer and reader so much.



I have also been a Peer Tutor in the LRC2 classroom for 2 years, and that is always the highlight of my school day. Both the students and the paraprofessionals/teachers create such a welcoming and loving environment for all students in their class. The LRC2 rooms have been a safe space for me to leave my problems at the door and shift my focus for a period. This year in particular, I am currently loving ASB and AP Government and Politics. I have not taken classes like either of those before this year and I am so excited to see what the year will bring in these classes. The welcoming and personable nature of both teachers create a wonderful virtual classroom environment.

#### What are some of your favorite high school memories?

Some of my favorite high school memories are from Junior State of America conventions. I absolutely love every minute of convention weekends as I am able to bond more with my chapter (Issaquah Students) while also being able to meet so many intelligent, informed, like-minded students from other schools. I have met and debated with some amazing people from all over the PNW, which is an experience I am so grateful for.





**Do you play sports and if so, how has sports made an impact on your life? Any highlights you would like to share?**

I have played soccer at IHS since freshman year and I have made the best memories on the field. High school season is SO different than club soccer, as the teams grow very close extremely fast and my teammates put so much heart into all of our games.

One of my favorite memories was my team's final practice last season, which was on Halloween. We all dressed up in costumes and were able to play all of our favorite drills and games from the season, it was such a great way to end our year.

**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?**

I am a member of Sharing Interests, Forming Friendships club, CARE club, and JSA.

The best parts of SIFF are continuing to build relationships with the LRC2 students in a relaxed, fun environment. No matter how bad my day may have been, SIFF always makes it better and I have loved all 4 years of being a member of this club.

CARE, or Consciousness and Racial Empowerment club, is a group of wonderful, eager students who want students of all races to feel like they belong and have a voice at IHS. I have loved being able to work with students who share similar experiences as me and want to see change happen at our school.

In JSA I am able to discuss current events and politics in a safe, informative space while also being able to debate about topics that are important to me. I learn something new about how the world around me works after every JSA meeting, which is so unique in a high school club.

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

Volunteering is a large part of my life. My church, Sammamish Presbyterian, has given me so many opportunities to serve. I have been a student leader in the middle school youth group program there since sophomore year where I have been able to mentor middle school students. I love seeing their smiling faces every week and being able to be a sort of role model for them. I have made such great relationships as a student leader!

SPC also gave me the opportunity to go to Tijuana, Mexico to build homes with families there. This life changing experience taught me so much about work ethic and perseverance, something I carry with me to this day.



**Is there anything else special about you that you would like to share?**

The only thing keeping me sane in the current political climate and quarantine has been working on the Issaquah School District Student Equity Council. We work to make the Issaquah School District a safe and equitable place for all students by amplifying marginalized student's voices and developing projects, programs, and policies at a district level. I serve as Co-Vice President of the council and have had the privilege to work alongside some of the most phenomenal, diverse, passionate student leaders in ISD. Due to the intersectionality of equity work, our council of about 60 is divided into affinity groups, where I am the lead of the religious and cultural awareness group, the students of color group, and the mental health and disabilities group. Though we are a relatively new council, we are already creating change in the district and I am so excited for what this next year has in store for us.

