

October Student of the Month—Nathan Shepperd



The Stewart County High School (SCHS) faculty is pleased to announce that Nathan Shepperd was named October Student of the Month. This award was given in acknowledgement of his academic achievement, student involvement, and for serving as an exceptional role model for underclassmen. Following high school, he plans to pursue a double major in biology and music with the ultimate goal of becoming a surgeon. After retirement from the medical profession, he would like to teach.

Shepperd is a dedicated student who possesses a strong academic record and who enthusiastically embraces academically challenging coursework. This

is evident in his willingness to enroll in honors, advanced placement, and dual enrollment courses. Currently, he has completed 19 credit hours at Austin Peay State University (APSU) and 3 credit hours at Murray State University. Science teacher, Jessica Crutcher, lauds Shepperd stating, "Nathan is an incredible student with an innate curiosity. He is a talented young man being able to play multiple instruments, taking leadership roles in many organizations on campus, and always keeping me on my toes with questions in class. It has been a privilege to be able to learn with him throughout the years."

Shepperd is a four-year member of HOSA Future Health Professionals and a three-year member of the leadership team, currently serving as President. Last year he competed in the Biomedical Laboratory Science event earning 1st and 5th Place at the TN HOSA Regional and State Leadership Conferences respectively. Health science teacher and HOSA adviser, Tanya Tippit, extols Shepperd saying, "Nathan is an exceptional student. As the SCHS HOSA president he has shown that he is also a great leader. I have known Nathan for many years and continue to be amazed by his accomplishments. I have no doubt he will do great things in the future!"

A five-year member of Future Business Leaders of America, Shepperd presently holds the office of Vice President. He has challenged himself through the Competitive Events Program competing at the Regional and State Leadership Conferences. In 2021, he received 1st Place in the Public Speaking event at the Region 3 Virtual Leadership Conference which allowed him to compete at the 2021 State Leadership Conference.

He is a four-year member of the Stewart County High School music program where he is a member of the Marching Rebel, Jazz, Pep, and Symphonic Bands. He has been a Principal musician since 2019 and the Saxophone Section Leader for the Marching Rebel Band for two years. Because of his exceptional skill level, Shepperd has been competitively selected for several honor bands. In 2019, 2020, and 2021, he was chosen for the APSU, Gateway Music Association, and Western Kentucky Honor Bands which is a noteworthy achievement. He has been a member of the Student Council for four years serving as Freshman Class Vice President, Student Council Secretary, Student Council Vice President, and Member at Large. He is a three-year member of the Spanish Club and a member of Beta.

When asked to reflect on his time at SCHS Shepperd remarked, "Stewart County High School has prepared me by making me a good person for my community and people around me while also teaching me numerous life lessons allowing me to succeed wherever I go after graduation."

Nathan is the son of Allen and April Shepperd.