

September Student of the Month—Kate Larson



The Stewart County High School (SCHS) faculty has selected Senior Kate Larson as the September Student of the Month. This honor is given in recognition of her academic achievement, student involvement, and serving as an exceptional role model for underclassmen. After high school, Larson plans to attend Tennessee Tech University and major in chemical engineering, concentrating on energy and the environment.

Larson has an outstanding academic record. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout high school. In recognition of her performance in the classroom, she has received SCHS Black & Gold Awards for Honors Chemistry, Engineering Design II, and Advanced Placement United States History. Math teacher SarahAnn MacDonald praises Larson, saying, "Kate Larson is a perfect representation of a Stewart County Rebel. She is extremely intelligent, kind, hardworking, and positive. Kate marches to the beat of her own drum, and she realizes that there is no greater power than that of knowledge. While others are focused on day-to-day goals, Ms. Larson

is focused on her aspirations for the future. While others are focused on being good for now, Ms. Larson is focused on how to better herself for her dream career. I admire her tenacity, dedication, and attitude towards her education and life. I know, without a doubt, that Kate Larson will accomplish any goal that she sets her mind to. I am proud that I have had the privilege to teach and get to know Kate, as I have no doubt she will have a legacy that Stewart County will forever be proud of."

While at SCHS, Larson has been involved in multiple activities. As a junior, Kate was asked to serve as the Career and Technical Education Ambassador for the Engineering Program. She participated in Murray State University's Engineering Day during her sophomore and junior years. She was part of a team that prepared a binder of information about a disaster scenario and a blueprint for a survival shelter. The team built a full-sized shelter during the event. She has also participated in multiple math teams representing Stewart County Middle School and Stewart County High School at the Math Competition hosted by Austin Peay State University. She is also a member of the Key Club. English teacher Christina Anderson compliments Larson, stating, "Kate is an ideal student. She excels with her strong work ethic, shows great enthusiasm for classroom activities, and loves learning."

Giving back to the community is important to Larson. She volunteered to supervise the bounce house slide at the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Food Truck Festival. At the Bring a Kid to a Car Show event, sponsored by the Stewart County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, she volunteered in the sign-in booth. Larson also ran a children's game at the Dover Elementary Monster Mash.

When asked to reflect on how Stewart County High School has prepared her for the future, Larson responded, "Stewart County High School has taught me the value of perseverance, a skill that translates well into my life outside of school. By tackling challenging courses head-on, I have learned that you cannot give up at the first sign of struggle. You have to keep trying over and over again."

Kate is the daughter of Fred and Rachel Larson.