

November Student of the Month—Samuel Smith

Senior Samuel Smith has been selected by the Stewart County High School (SCHS) faculty as the November Student of the Month. This honor is given in recognition of his academic achievement, student involvement, and serving as an exceptional role model for underclassmen. After high school, Smith plans to attend either the University of Memphis or the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and obtain a bachelor's degree in human resource management.

Smith is a dedicated student who has consistently chosen to pursue personal academic growth. This is evidenced by his willingness to enroll in honors classes, multiple advanced placement, and dual enrollment courses. His current 4.0 GPA attests to his discipline in prioritizing academics and his exceptional time management. It also reflects Samuel's level of maturity and understanding of the importance of taking rigorous coursework to prepare himself for success at the collegiate level. His academic performance has led to his membership in the Beta Club.



An active member of the SCHS community, Smith takes part in assorted activities. He is a four-year member of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), where he served as the 2022-2023 Social Media Coordinator. He has tested himself through the competitive event program, which provided him with the chance to apply academic knowledge in a competitive environment. He has competed twice at the Tennessee FBLA State Leadership Conference. As a junior in the Publication Design event, he qualified to advance to the 2023 FBLA National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Atlanta, Georgia, where he thoroughly enjoyed his NLC experience. Mary Lambert, business teacher and FBLA adviser commends

Smith, saying, "Samuel is a remarkable young man of exceptional integrity who always strives to do his best in all things. He consistently works to improve his personal and professional skills, and he also values and understands the importance of teamwork. His optimistic attitude, along with his innate kindness, makes him a joy to be around. In the three years that I have worked closely with Samuel, I have never heard him speak a negative word about any student, faculty, administrator, or situation. He always focuses on the positive qualities of people and situations and emphasizes encouraging others."

Another organization in which Smith has participated during his time at SCHS is the Drama Club. He was cast in the role of Cogsworth in the spring 2023 musical production of *Beauty and the Beast*, which required him to personify a clock. English teacher and Drama Club sponsor, Christina Anderson, offers these remarks: "Sam is a polite and thoughtful individual who welcomes any challenge. Sam's kindness, creativity, curiosity, and dedication are what make him an outstanding student and friend." He is also a two-year member of the Rebel Cross Country team.

Giving back to the community is important to Smith. Through his church, he has participated in multiple mission trips in Wilmington, North Carolina working with the homeless. He has also worked as a registration volunteer at the 2022 and 2023 TN FBLA State Leadership Conferences, where he assisted with assembling registration packets.

Smith is appreciative of his SCHS journey saying, "Stewart County High School has helped me develop my social skills, as well as academic skills, which I will need to be successful in college."

Samuel is the son of Adam and Dawn Smith.