

March Student of the Month—Savannah O’Dell



Savannah O’Dell was chosen as March Student of the Month by the Stewart County High School (SCHS) faculty. This award was given in acknowledgement of her academic achievement, student involvement, and for serving as an exceptional role model for underclassmen. After high school O’Dell plans to major in biology at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Her long-term goal is to attend medical school to become a pediatrician.

A member of the Class of 2022 Top Ten Percent, O’Dell is a student athlete whose

strong scholastic record is testament to her dedication to her studies. While in high school she has challenged herself through honors, advanced placement, and dual enrollment courses.

O’Dell is a four-year member of the Lady Rebel Softball team. She also played on the inaugural Lady Rebel Volleyball team earning a spot on the District 12-AA All-Tournament team. Library media Specialist, Beta Club sponsor, and Lady Rebel Softball Coach, Jordan Burkhart, praised O’Dell saying, “I have had the pleasure of seeing Savannah grow as an individual throughout her high school career into an outstanding role model to those around her. She is a wonderful young woman who radiates the characteristics of confidence, loyalty, and charisma. She is kindhearted to those around her and is always willing to extend a hand to help others. Savannah is also an individual who carries these characteristics with her wherever she is going. In the classroom, she succeeds in academics through hard work and dedication. On the softball field, she always gives 100% and encourages others. It has been a privilege to get to know Savannah and see her succeed in so many different areas. I have no doubt that her future holds incredible beginnings as she journeys into a new chapter in her life.”

An active member of the SCHS community, O’Dell is involved in multiple organizations. She is a four-year member of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); a four-year member of HOSA Future Health Professionals, a one-year member of Future Business Leaders of America, a one-year member of Spanish Club, a four-year member of Student Council where she served as a Class Representative, and a member of Beta. In her church community, O’Dell has volunteered many hours assisting with Vacation Bible School and teaching Bible lessons. She has also assisted little league coaches with teams.

Sarah Keator, Spanish teacher, said “Savannah this quote I saw online by Rumi made me think of you, ‘Always remember that you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and twice as beautiful as you could ever imagine.’ I hope that you know that whatever you want in life is yours! As long as desire and willingness to achieve meet.”

When asked if her time at SCHS had prepared her for the future O’Dell remarked, “I have learned that no matter what happens in life the only thing that I can control is my attitude. I have learned so much at SCHS and am truly thankful for all of my wonderful teachers.”

Savannah is the daughter of Bobby and Renee O’Dell.