

February Student of the Month—Makenzi Bouras

Makenzi Bouras was chosen as February 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. Following high school Bouras plans to attend the University of TN at Martin to earn a bachelor's degree in accounting. Her long-term goal is to be a private Certified Public Accountant for a large business.

A member of the Class of 2022 Top Ten Percent, Bouras has an outstanding scholastic record. She also has a reputation of being a young woman of stellar character and was voted Most

Outstanding Senior Girl by her peers. Science teacher, Allen Ralls, extols both of these virtues saying, "I am so proud of Makenzi. I have seen her grow from a very shy timid sophomore to the outgoing confident young lady that she has become. She has consistently taken honors, advanced placement, and dual enrollment classes and is prepared for college. As much as Makenzi stands out as a great student, she's an even better person. She is one of the kindest people I know that has a big heart and is always thinking of others. She is an example for others to follow." Bouras received Black and Gold Academic Awards in recognition of her outstanding overall academic achievement during her sophomore and junior years.

Bouras is a four-year member of Rebel Cheer and served as Captain this past year. She is a three-year member of Family, Community and Career Leaders of America and the Building Every Asset Right from the Start (BEARS) Team. These organizations gave Bouras opportunities to assist in teaching and modeling positive character traits to elementary students. As a member of the Fundamentals of Education class she has worked with elementary students on strengthening their reading skills. Bouras was chosen to serve as the Career and Technical Education Ambassador for the Education Pathway. In this role, she has spoken to current eighth graders and provided information on the courses and learning activities offered in this pathway. Teaching as a Profession teacher, Nancy Myers, lauds Bouras remarking, "I have had the pleasure of working with Makenzi in classes and clubs for the last three years. She always amazes me with the quality of her work and how she meets my expectations each and every time. She strives for perfection. That, coupled with her personality and the way she demonstrates personal responsibility, makes her one of the most outstanding students I have known."

Reflecting on her high school journey, Bouras shares "Stewart County High School has taught me many valuable lessons that I will use throughout the rest of my life. I've learned to push myself to the fullest, work the hardest I can, and be the best version of myself. Being a good person for the people around me and my community is something I've learned and is important to me, and I will remember that as I move into the next steps of my life. Some of the best, most caring individuals I have ever met are teachers at SCHS and I'm grateful for the experiences, opportunities, and life lessons they shared with me. I have loved the past four years of my life and wouldn't trade my experience at SCHS for the world."

Makenzi is the daughter of Billy and Valerie Wynn.

