**EHS Student of the Month – March 2024**

The EHS student of the month for March is Rilee Patrick. Rilee is a senior at EHS who is a kind, genuine, bright young woman. She is a very hard worker, a student who has always challenged herself. Each year, Rilee has chosen a steady core of challenging courses and worked diligently, and the result of that hard work is finishing her high school career with 21 college credit hours. In addition, Rilee participates in our Business Coop program where she works at That’s Pawtastic Pet Spa and has worked there for the past year.

Activities at EHS:

* Cheer for 7 years (3 during middle school & 4 at EHS; served as captain for 23/24)
  + Region Champs for 4 years
  + Nationals for 2 years - this year was a finalist and placed 7th in the nation
  + Named to the All-American team in 10th grade
* EHS Pep Club for 3 years (currently serves as co-president)
* EHS FBLA for 2 years

After high school, Rilee plans to attend the University of Kentucky to major in Communications with a minor in Public Relations. Her dream job is to be a Sports Broadcaster on ESPN.

**Here are some comments from her teachers:**

Eric Brandenburg (Business Teacher): Rilee has been in my class Personal Finance for two trimesters. She is always attentive and easily shares with the class during discussions. Since Rilee has an after school job, she is willing to share her experiences with personal finance and how the concepts have applied to her. She is a good sport, even when we congratulated her for winning homecoming queen by Saying "Hail to the Queen". I have enjoyed having her in class**.**

Ellen Dodson (Public Speaking Teacher): What strikes me most about Rilee is that she is genuine. Her kindness for all, attentiveness and respect during class, and enthusiasm for all things EHS aren't manufactured but authentic attributes that make her most deserving of Student of the Month.

Jo Anna Breunig (English Teacher): Here's what I love about Rilee Patrick: If we told Rilee five years ago that she would be standing here as the senior representative for Student of the Month, viewed by her teachers as a leader and role model of her senior class, she would have thought we all were crazy. Rilee has overcome many hurdles to get to where she is today, and she didn't just land here by accident. This young lady is determined and tenacious. She will never back down from a challenge, and she will never give up on herself. I have loved watching her lead her school as a Pep Club and Cheer Squad leader, as I can see how much she loves her school through her leadership. She aspires to be a sports broadcaster, a role I easily can see her excelling in, but whatever field she ends up choosing, I know she will put her heart and soul into it. Congratulations to Rilee!

Joella Nall (Cheerleading Coach): Rilee is such a wonderful leader for our cheerleading team. She started cheering for me when she came to E-town High School from a different school district as a freshman. We feel fortunate that she chose E-town! She has been such an asset to our team. I have watched her grow into a mature, confident, responsible young woman in the four years I have had the privilege to know her. As captain of the cheer team, she has demonstrated quality leadership skills, and the younger student athletes look up to her. She has gained the respect of all of her teammates, as well as her coaches. If you have ever seen her cheer, you know she can tumble all the way down the floor, and she always commands your attention when she cheers. She is the perfect example of the cheerleader every coach would want on their team.

Rilee also excels in the classroom. She is taking college level courses and has maintained a 3.7 GPA even though she spends a great deal of time cheering and working. This achievement while maintaining a grueling schedule speaks to her fantastic work ethic and commitment to every aspect of her high school career. Rilee is a perfect choice for Student of the Month. We are all so proud of her!

**EHS is proud to recognize Rilee Patrick as the March Student of the Month.**