

## EHS Student of the Month – February 2023

The EHS student of the month for February is Charles Tompkins. Charles is a senior at EHS who is also a full-time student at ECTC in the SEEK program studying in the Industrial Maintenance pathway. [Securing Educational Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) students are those individuals who live in a county that has no Area Technology Center and who choose to pursue one of 11 designated technical programs. Students attend ECTC during their senior year, during which they fulfill established high school graduation requirements as well as complete college-level technical courses.] In addition to his ECTC classes, Charles also takes Precalculus and the Engineering Capstone class at EHS.

While at EHS, Charles has been involved in the following activities:

- Cross Country - varsity junior and senior year; team captain senior year; at banquet junior year he was awarded “Most Consistent Runner 2021”
- Track & Field
  - member since 7th grade, varsity since 9th grade
  - Region 2022 - placed 8th in the 4x2 relay and place 2nd in the 300 hurdles
  - State 2022 - placed 8th in the state in 4x2 relay
- Beta Club
  - Beta Convention 21/22
    - Robotics - placed 4th at state
    - Recycled Art - placed 1st at state, 2nd at Nationals
  - Beta Convention 22/23
    - Robotics - placed 3rd at state, going to Nationals
    - Recycled Art - placed 4th at state, going to Nationals
- FBLA - 1 year member (during junior year); was vice president during junior year
- Youth Salute
- Skills USA
  - participated in during 10th grade - won state level competition for “Construction Tool Naming”
- Governor’s School for Entrepreneurs
  - 2021 alumni
  - his team won the GSE competition
- Volunteer Work
  - Habitat for Humanity Restore
- Business Owner
  - His business is called “Preservation Forge South” - Charles has built and ran his own forge making custom iron art and other items for customers. He participates in local art fairs and the Kentucky State Fair with his artwork.

After high school, Charles plans to attend either the University of Kentucky or Purdue University to major in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Materials.

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

Mrs. Mills (Engineering Capstone Teacher): Charles is an exceptional engineering student. I have had the pleasure of having him in class for the past 3 years. He has unique and gifted skills in all of the engineering disciplines. He can build, wire and program with relative ease any project given to him. He is truly a one-of-a kind student that I will miss next year as he begins his college career. I am so happy he was selected as student of the month it is a well deserved award for an outstanding young man. Congratulations Charles!!!

Mr. Hayes (Track Coach & Current PreCalculus Teacher): I have known Charles for the past 5 years as both his track and field coach and now his Precalculus teacher. Charles is such an amazing young man. As his Coach I could tell you endless stories of his willingness to run anything and everything he is asked to do. Charles had run almost every event on the track from the 100 to the 800 relays and hurdles. He has run cross country as well. He always brings a positive upbeat attitude with him. He is always looking to see how he can help in any way. Whether it is to fill in an event for a missing athlete, bring a torch to fix bent Pole Vault standards, or share his can of beans with you at a track meet. As a student his hard work and positive attitude continue in the classroom. Charles is such a unique person and personality and a true joy to teach and Coach.

EHS is proud to recognize Charles Tompkins as the February Student of the Month.

