

Calista Woo

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Mountain View High School

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Mountain View High School is proud to recognize Calista Woo as our May 2024 Student of the Month.

Calista Woo, Mountain View High School's May Student of the Month, exemplifies leadership, passion, and dedication both on campus and beyond. Her remarkable involvement in various clubs and activities showcases her commitment to making a positive impact in her community.

At MVHS, Calista serves as the incoming President and current Vice President, Lead Instructor, and Community Outreach Organizer of the Girls Who Code club. Her leadership extends to the Mountain View Los Altos Speech and Debate team, where she will soon assume the role of President and currently acts as Director of Volunteering and Lincoln-Douglas team captain. For the past two years, Calista has led her debate team to numerous successes, organizing afterschool classes in five middle and elementary schools and hosting four scrimmages for about 70 competitors, fostering a strong foundation in debate for younger students.

Outside of school, Calista is an exceptionally active competitor in Lincoln-Douglas debate, participating in tournaments most weekends. This year, she qualified for both state and national competitions and won five varsity tournaments. As a team captain, she plays a crucial role in preparing her team for competitions, sharing her expertise and passion for debate.

Calista's love for volunteering is evident in her dedication to teaching. She finds great joy in helping young students discover their voices, whether through speech and debate or teaching them to code fun computer games in afterschool computer science clubs. Her enthusiasm for education and mentorship positively impacts the lives of many young learners.

Among her best memories at MVHS, Calista fondly recalls her experience as a speaker for TEDxMVHS, where she presented on Asian American parenting in Western societies and its intergenerational effects on familial structures. Another cherished memory is from the recent Georgiana Hays Invitational tournament, which marked the end of the debate season. The event was a highlight for Calista and her team, as they performed well and enjoyed the camaraderie and fun of the competition.

Looking ahead, Calista plans to stay in California for university, where she is interested in majoring in engineering, with a particular fascination for biometric security. Open to exploring various fields, she is driven by a strong desire to continue learning and growing.

Calista's journey at Mountain View High School is a testament to her dedication, leadership, and passion for both academics and extracurricular activities. Her contributions to the MVHS community make her a deserving recipient of the Student of the Month award, inspiring her peers and the broader community alike.