

Angely Vargas
STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Los Altos High School
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Junior

Los Altos High School is excited to honor Angely Vargas as our January Student of the Month. It is a privilege to recognize all of her accomplishments throughout her time at Los Altos High School.

Angely's favorite classes include AP calculus BC and bio honors. She points to bio honors as the moment she realized her love of science, which has pushed her to take other advanced science classes. As the only latina student in her calculus class, she works hard to keep pushing herself and not give into imposter syndrome. Through her advanced classes, she has proven to be an incredible thinker and an engaged student.

Angely is part of the advanced science investigation class or ASI at LAHS. This year, her project focuses on eating disorders, the root causes, both socially and scientifically, and future treatments for them. She has seen the effect that eating disorders can have, and through her proposed solution of a non-invasive medicine that would target specific tendencies linked to eating disorders. As of now, she is determining if a compound that hasn't been tested before would be more effective than those previously studied. Although she is extremely passionate about her hypothesis, she acknowledges that regardless of the outcome, this has been a wonderful learning experience.

Angely is passionate about using her skills to benefit others on and off campus. As a survey skills tutor at LAHS, she Facilitated an English support class of freshmen students struggling with coursework three times a week. She also worked in groups and one-on-one with students to provide feedback and elicited responses to build lifelong skills for success in future English classes. Outside of school, Angely is a volunteer at the Community Service Agency (CSA). CSA is a non-profit organization that offers housing support to people experiencing homelessness, nutritious food for low income and senior citizens, and emergency financial assistance. As a volunteer, Angely prepared and served meals to seniors, organized and prepared nutrition and fresh food for community members. Through her hard work and dedication, she became the Community Navigator and received a recommendation for providing excellent community support.

As an Avid student, Angely works to excel both academically and personally. She has received the AVID Academic Achievement Award in her freshman and sophomore years. She has also received the Top 5 GPA for both her freshman and sophomore years from Los Altos High School Latino Awards, as well as the Outstanding Achievement English Award her sophomore year.

After high school, Angely hopes to use her passions to continue her education in science, particularly in medicine. She loves working with children, especially as a peer tutor, and loves helping others learn and discover new things. She hopes to pursue a career in medicine or education, where she can feel the impact she makes on others. When asked about her plans for the future, she said, "Going to college will hopefully help me figure out what my calling is, but whatever major or career I eventually choose to settle on, I know it'll make me really happy inside and that's all I can ever ask for."

Congratulations Angely Vargas, for being selected as January Student of the Month and for all of your amazing success and dedication to giving back to your community and school. As a model student and leader, we can't wait to see all of the amazing accomplishments coming your way in the future!