

Nilufer Sagat

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Mountain View High School

October 2021



Senior

Mountain View High School is proud to recognize Nilufer Sagat as our October 2021 Student of the Month. Nilufer is a current senior at MVHS and stands out as a highly well-rounded and accomplished individual who is involved in her school as well as her community.

Nilufer transferred to MVHS in the 10th grade as a student in ELD, and she finished her last year of ELD in 10th grade. Since she has been a student at MVHS, she has founded the chess club and currently serves as the co-president. This club grows each year by 40 additional active members. Nilufer is also part of the varsity girls tennis team. Her favorite classes in previous years at MVHS have been computer science and anatomy, and this year she is particularly enjoying philosophy in literature. Nilufer's counselor has recognized her as an extremely diligent, kind, helpful, and hardworking student.

Outside of school, Nilufer is involved in an array of extracurricular activities. She has been an intern at the Stanford University Patel Lab for the past two years. Within this internship, she has worked on multiple projects on brain cancer research and portable diagnostic technology for Covid-19 at point-of-care settings. This internship has helped Nilufer realize that her passion and interests for the future are neuroscience and computer science, specifically computational neurology.

Nilufer's further involvement in the STEM world includes her qualification for AIME (the American Invitational Mathematics Examination) during her junior year, which is an exceptional academic achievement. Nilufer has also written an article with her friend about stem cell research and ethics for the Fountain Magazine published last year. (Link to Nilufer's article: <https://fountainmagazine.com/2021/issue-139-jan-feb-2021/embryonic-stem-cells>)

Nilufer is also an avid volunteer and activist! Currently, she is mentoring and teaching the Turkish language and culture to middle school students in the Turkish community in the Bay Area each week. Nilufer is an advocate for women's rights and the issues surrounding the abrupt imprisonment of journalists in Turkey.

Nilufer considers herself a bookworm and one of her favorite books is the Royal Game, a chess story. She also loves going camping with her family and playing violin in her free time.

Congratulations Nilufer!