

Daniel Sagatelian

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Los Altos High School

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Senior

Los Altos High School is proud to honor Daniel Sagatelian as our November Student of the Month. It is a privilege to recognize all of his accomplishments throughout his time at Los Altos High School.

Daniel is the volunteer organizer for the Buena Vista Youth Scholar Club at LAHS. Here, he works with LAHS students and helps tutor over a dozen children at the Buena Vista Mobile home park. He is the co-president of the Pickleball Club at LAHS, in addition to being a 4-year varsity athlete on the tennis team. He loves being part of athletics at Los Altos.

I love the mixture of being independent and having a team that supports each other even in an individual sport. His favorite memory on the team was the final match against Gunn High School as a sophomore, where his round determined their victory. He was excited to play in that final round, not only for himself but for his whole team.

Last summer, Daniel shadowed graduate students in the Stanford Chemistry lab through the Inspiring Future Scientists through Shadowing Program. He worked with students in biochem and computational chemistry. In the computational lab, he learned about simulating chemistry reactions and the basics of Python, while in the biochem lab, he learned how to use different lab machines. Here he learned more about the scientific process and what he wanted to focus on as he pursues Chemistry.

Daniel's favorite classes at LAHS have been AP Chemistry, Calc BC, and Computer Science. And after graduation, Daniel hopes to major in chemistry, a passion he has found and explored at Los Altos. He loves how applicable chemistry is to his life, both in and out of the classroom. For example, after learning about thermodynamics sophomore year in Chemistry honors, he saw how it was used to engineer a variety of products in his home. When he took AP chemistry, his interest in the subject only expanded, and he decided that this was something he wanted to continue pursuing beyond high school. He hopes to eventually go into the pharmaceutical industry to use his love for chemistry to help people around the world and provide new and better medicines to improve quality of life.

Los Altos High school is excited to see all that Daniel accomplishes in his future, and thanks him for everything that he has given to the school. Congratulations Daniel, and thank you for all you provide to our community.