

Emma Rensin
STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Los Altos High School
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Junior

Los Altos High School proudly honors Emma Rensin as our March Student of the Month. It is a privilege to recognize all of her accomplishments throughout her time at Los Altos High School.

Emma is the most interesting and energetic person you will meet on campus. Not only is she incredibly involved in every academic, artistic, and theatrical opportunity on campus, but she is also the first to get others involved. Her classmates and teachers love her, and when asked about her, they speak about her natural leadership and inclusive personality.

Her favorite class is AP Bio. Emma loves learning about biology and genetics can benefit life. In addition to her work in AP Bio, she hopes to continue her interest in biology in ASI next year. Going into AP Bio, she knew she liked macro biology, life, evolution, and greater concepts, and she was kind of worried about genetics and microbiology. However, with her ASI application pending, she hopes to study microbiology in the form of retroviruses and their connection to diseases like cancer, Alzheimer's, and Multiple Sclerosis. After high school, Emma hopes to major in bio in college and become a marine veterinarian.

Emma is very involved with her synagogue. Since her freshman year, she has been a Student Teacher, where she teaches students prayers in preparation for bar/bat mitzvah and helped automate the programs during Covid. As a leader in everything she seems to be involved with, Emma helps other students find their voices and places in her community. To this end, she is teaching herself Yiddish to connect with her heritage. Both her grandparents and her great-grandparents speak Yiddish, and as a Jewish American, she thinks it's important that the language stays alive. In addition, she is teaching herself guitar. From age five, she has been learning to play piano, viola, and cello. She loves learning music because it's been so integral to her life and family. As a very dedicated student, she loves using music as a creative outlet to de-stress from her busy schoolwork.

Emma is also an avid thespian. As a member of Broken Box, Los Altos' on-campus theater group, Emma has been involved in six productions at Los Altos. As an actor and stage manager, she is a crucial part of the Broken Box family. She is loved by her cast mates, and has won awards such as Broken Box Royalty, Outstanding Achievement in Broken Box Theater Company, and for their production of, *Never Mind What Happened, How Did It End?* in spring of 2022, she was awarded Legacy Robe.

Outside of school, Emma is also involved with two other theater companies: Upstage Theater and Hope's Musical Theater. In total, since freshman year, Emma has performed, or managed in eleven productions. Emma is also passionate in giving back to her theater community, which has led her to be counselor in training and counselor at Hope Musical Theater in Palo Alto. As a counselor, she taught students choreography and music and managed children throughout performances.

Congratulations, Emma Rensin, for receiving March Student of the Month, and for all that you contribute to our campus. We can't wait to see all of the amazing accomplishments coming your way in the future!