

Lucie Raynaud

Achievement Award

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I am very proud of the strides Lucie has made as a student, artist, and as an individual. They have a newfound passion for their schoolwork and have learned to be comfortable challenging themselves with bigger and broader projects. They have learned to reliably meet deadlines, to collaborate with classmates and peers, and to express herself with confidence and conviction. They have become someone who enjoys opportunities to participate in class, and who prefers and desires to work collaboratively with others. They feel strongly that positive collaboration can bring out the best of everyone.



They have also grown a great deal with their Film skills. This includes time and team management, but also includes the development of technical skills with production equipment and software. Lucie has pushed themselves to grow in these areas and has learned to be comfortable both with the technology, but also with taking on challenges which might require her to learn as they go. They have become someone who doesn't shy away from a challenge.

Finally, Lucie also has a kind and empathetic heart. They are heavily involved in the school and community whether it is working on school events, championing various social causes, or spreading awareness to issues surrounding mental health. They value kindness, empathy, passion, and awareness.

Of all my students this year, Lucie has grown the most.

~Matthew Taylor, Freestyle Academy Film Teacher

Lucie has really blossomed in two years into a more confident person who is willing to take on tough tasks. They have developed their grit that will serve them well in the future. Their journey is inspiring.

~Leo Florendo, Freestyle Academy Program Coordinator and Digital Media Teacher

Over the course of two years, Lucie has truly found their home among their fellow Freestylers, growing into a confident and dedicated member of our creative community. They have not only shown strong passion in their work, but they've also cultivated a strong sense of compassion. In his recent book "How to Know a Person," journalist David Brooks contrasts two types of people: illuminators and diminishers. While diminishers are self-absorbed and thus fail to see the full humanity of other people, illuminators "shine the brightness of their care on people and make them feel bigger, deeper, respected, lit up." Lucie is an illuminator for making those around them feel seen and respected. For understanding what a fellow Freestyler is going through. For bringing their deepest sense of humanity to our community each day.

~Jason Greco, Freestyle Academy English Teacher

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