Sofia Novikova

STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Middle College Understanding
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We are happy to present Sofia Novikova as the MVLA Student of the Month for the Middle College Understanding Cohort. In so many ways, Sofia exemplifies the characteristics and attributes that we hope to cultivate across the Middle College student body.

Sofia is such a dynamic and integral member of our community. Throughout her time at Middle College, we have experienced her as a source of encouragement, playfulness, understanding, reassurance, and calm. In any group, Sofia serves as a positive example of deep engagement and encourages her peers through her quiet leadership. Her group work habits highlight Sofia's value of community — for instance, embracing the notion that no one person is done until everyone is. It is because of this maturity, self-awareness, and downright kindness that we deeply trust Sofia with peers, new or younger students, and the larger Foothill community. We know that she has endeared herself to her classmates too, when we see them writing notes like, "The Best" with a giant heart on the whiteboard above her head.

In addition to being a positive collaborator, Sofia is also an outstanding student. While she has earned impressive marks in her high school and college classes alike, she is not one to fixate on GPA or academic competition. Instead, she demonstrates genuine curiosity and a commitment to deep understanding. Sofia consistently illustrates how much one can learn in a class by participating fully and looking for opportunities for challenge. Sofia has also taken full advantage of Middle College's unique educational opportunities: at Foothill, she has explored her diverse interests through a wide variety of college classes including Calculus 1A, Introduction to Engineering, Cartoon and Comic Illustration, and Introduction to Fashion & Costume Construction. She's been very successful in these, all while remaining an active participant in the Los Altos High School marching band.

We are so grateful to have Sofia be part of our program and are proud to present her as our MVLA Student of the Month.