

Michelle Suarez Maeda

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Mountain View High School

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Senior

Mountain View High School is proud to recognize Michelle Suarez Maeda as our November 2023 Student of the Month.

Michelle Suarez Maeda is a vibrant and dedicated individual, leaving an indelible mark on the landscape of MVHS through multifaceted engagements both within and beyond the school's confines. Her unwavering commitment to excellence and her enthusiasm for extracurricular pursuits has rendered her an exemplary figure within the school community.

At MVHS, Michelle's leadership shines through various roles: currently serving as the Co-President of the MVHS Folklorico Dance Club, a position demanding both creative finesse and leadership abilities. Simultaneously, her role as the media coordinator for the Japanese National Honor Society showcases her adeptness in leveraging modern platforms for cultural advocacy. Notably, Michelle is an essential member of AVID Seniors, a testament to her commitment to academic excellence and collegiate preparedness.

Beyond the academic sphere, Michelle's life is an ensemble of diverse passions. She enjoys baking, and finds solace in the art of creating treats, often shared and enjoyed with family. Video games serve as a bond with her siblings, as she looks back positively on the time spent doing that with them. Notably, her recent immersion in researching university opportunities for the Folklorico group not only highlights her dedication to the club but also their forward-thinking approach towards its growth and development.

Reflecting on their MVHS journey, Michelle cherishes the myriad experiences facilitated by her involvements. For those of you not aware, every other year our school sends MVHS students to our sister school, in Iwata, Japan, where they experience what life is like in another country. From the cultural immersion in Iwata, Japan, staying with a host family, to the eye-opening university visits courtesy of the AVID program, each experience has been a catalyst for her personal and academic growth. She also attended a dance convention in Fresno, which provided not just a deeper connection to the art form but also fostered stronger bonds with peers and a rekindling of cultural roots. Michelle also engages in the Health careers department at MVHS, and has used these experiences to talk with people from many different professions, such as dentists, firefighters, and nurses.

Looking ahead, Michelle is resolute in her aspiration to attend a 4-year university. The dream to revisit Japan and reconnect with their host family remains a beacon on their future path, echoing her appreciation for global connections and cultural understanding.

Michelle epitomizes the embodiment of an enthusiastic, multitalented student whose unwavering dedication to their passions and commitments serves as an inspiration to her peers and an outstanding student in the MVHS community.