

# **Carly Watson**

## **Student of the Year**

### **Freestyle Academy**

#### **May 2022**



Carly Watson, a senior, is one of the best and brightest Freestylers in the history of our program. Since joining us via Zoom in August of 2020, she has stood out for her creativity, strong work ethic, leadership, and insight. Even during an extremely challenging and unfamiliar period of distance learning, she maintained an admirable level of confidence in herself and her peers, punctuated by her characteristic optimism and integrity. Since we transitioned back to the classroom, Carly has continued to shine each and every day. She brings her very best effort and attitude to every class and community event. Always thoroughly prepared, she is eager to exchange ideas with her peers and do her part to improve the learning environment of the classroom. Carly's classmates are always excited to have her on their team because she brings such a welcoming and gracious attitude to each task, and she gives compassionate and constructive feedback. She is a sought-after collaborator because she

gives more than she receives, truly enriching the learning experience of those around her. We can say with confidence that her body of work reflects the great care she shows for our classes and our creative community. Carly Watson is truly deserving of this award and will leave a very positive legacy at Freestyle.

~Jason Greco, Freestyle Academy English Teacher

Carly brings with her a light and a presence that makes all the difference in our classrooms. Her thoughtful and caring persona benefits and inspires all around her. She brings with her a creative spirit, a supportive helpfulness, and a highly dependable work ethic. Her peers have benefited from her kindness and support. Her classmates have benefited from her reliability and skill. And I have benefited from her warmth and example. Throughout so much uncertainty of the last few years, Carly has been an anchor of positivity and goodness for which I am truly grateful.

~Matt Taylor, Freestyle Academy Film Teacher

Thank you, Carly, for sharing your passion, talent, and creativity with us at Freestyle for the past 2 years. Your project work is always artistically and technically strong, thoughtful, and meaningful. With your leadership, the Freestyle Prom became an amazing party to break out of the COVID health and safety protocols. Thank you for caring so much about Freestyle and our community.

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