## Sofia Mujica STUDENT OF THE MONTH Los Altos High School October 2021



Senior

Los Altos High School is proud to honor Sofia Mujica as our October Student of the Month. It is a privilege to recognize all of her accomplishments throughout her time at Los Altos High School.

Sofia has been very involved in clubs throughout her four years at Los Altos. She started the club Viva Venezuela with her older sister in freshman year, with the goal of helping to collect much-needed medical supplies amidst the national crisis. Her family is from Venezuela, and she wanted a way to support her family and Venezuelans on a larger scale rather than simply donating money on its own. With the support of teachers around campus, they have raised tons of medical supplies and have made a direct positive impact within Venezuela.

Additionally, Sofia is part of the Advanced Science Investigation class at school, which is an intense and selective research class for juniors and seniors. In ASI, Sofia is working on a project titled "Effects of Varying Growth Factors on Differentiated Porcine Adipose (ADSC) Derived Stem Cells to Induce Cartilage Growth." In simpler terms, she called it, "AKA, trying to grow cartilage from pig fat."

On the athletic side of things, Sofia has been playing for the school tennis team for four years, and made varsity tennis her sophomore year. She is a strong leader on the team and serves as one of the team captains. The Los Altos girls' tennis team is very talented, and they were even able to travel down to San Diego for a tournament a few weeks ago. She grew up with the sport and loves how it allows her to be herself and spend time with some of her best friends.

Outside of school, Sofia has been a part of the club CENG since her sophomore year. It stands for Computer Engineers of the Next Generation and holds the mission of inspiring underrepresented minorities to explore and develop an interest in computer science. She is also a National Charity League volunteer, leads a class over the summer with students in Guatemala, and was a volunteer dog walker for the Terraces of Los Altos since the 5th grade.

Congratulations, Sofia Mujica, for receiving October Student of the Month and for all of your amazing success and dedication to give back to your community and school. We can't wait to see all of the amazing accomplishments coming your way in the near future!