

Katherine Healzer

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Mountain View High School

January 2021



Junior

Mountain View High School is proud to present junior Katherine Healzer, as our January Student of the Month. It is an honor to recognize her devotion to helping the Mountain View community.

Katherine is very passionate about teaching, and has contributed to Mountain View as a teaching assistant for Biology Honors, Anatomy and Physiology classes. Even with the onset of the pandemic, Katherine's passion for teaching and helping others did not waiver. With the help of our Tutorial Center Coordinator, Nancy Rafati, Katherine founded Student2Student tutoring which provides free online tutoring for students. This program now utilizes over 50 student tutors who are available to assist fellow students in all areas - from difficult math problems to essay proofreading - and has been successful in helping with students feeling comfortable connecting with peers in a virtual format.

Katherine is also a concert harpist and participates in the MVHS Wind Ensemble, the Peninsula Youth Orchestra, and the California All State Wind Symphony. Prior to the pandemic Katherine enjoyed playing the harp for patients in a local hospice unit on Saturday mornings. Now, she works as an intern for the Silicon Valley Harp Society to bring virtual music to patients and help music teachers use technology.

Katherine hopes to continue exploring her interest in public policy related to risk management, biosecurity, and social responsibility in biological science and engineering, particularly in regard to genetic engineering and its application to humans in nature.

Katherine has been described by her teachers as someone who "promotes collaboration, kindness, compassion, and hard work - making MVHS proud". Congratulations again to our greatly deserving Student of the Month; we can't wait to see all of her future accomplishments!