

**Ben Falkenburg**  
STUDENT OF THE MONTH  
**Los Altos High School**

April 2020



Junior

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Congratulations to Ben Falkenburg, Los Altos High School's April Student of the Month! We are honored to recognize him for passion and commitment to a variety of activities, on and off campus.

At school, Ben is the president and co-founder of the Data Analysis Club, which focuses on coding and statistics. They not only teach the basics of these areas to their club members but have also taught sessions for Hour of Code. Currently, Ben is working with LAHS admin and event organizers to beta-test an app for the school that is designed to help increase participation and spirit at school events.

Apart from the Data Analysis Club, Ben is also an active participant of the LAHS UNICEF Club and Speech and Debate. For UNICEF, Ben designed a website from scratch and has also helped with their many fundraisers. For Speech and Debate, Ben participates in public forum and is the team's Mentorship Coordinator, meaning he recruits new members into the club and provides resources for them to learn. He is also working on developing an online debate tutoring service.

Outside of his school activities, Ben is an Eagle Scout from BSA Troop 37. As of now, he serves as an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, which organizes emails and events, but has held other responsibilities in the past. With the current shelter-in-place, Ben has also been dedicating his time to the BAE Initiative, which he founded himself. The BAE Initiative is a group that gathers public opinion and helps small businesses, especially local restaurants, through this difficult time. A couple projects he is working on include an online art gallery and a digital mural.

In school, Ben's favorite topics include genetics, neuroscience, and bioinformatics. He does a lot of research in these areas and definitely he wishes to pursue them in college. Ben is extremely dedicated and an amazing presence to have on campus, and for that we are proud to present him as our April Student of the Month. Congratulations!