

Mia Advocate

Mia is a warrior, strong, independent and never backs down from any challenge, whether it is answering the most rigorous question in AP Chemistry or matching up against a player twice her size. This dynamic young woman is focused and driven intrinsically, but that doesn't stop her from being one of the most outgoing and charismatic students. Her sense of humor has everyone laughing, she is extremely intuitive and aware of the world around her and she is never afraid to speak her mind. Mia has set an incredibly positive tone at Calhoun over the last four years. She is a higher lever learner and critical thinker who has paved the way as an exceptional role model and has been a star and trailblazer here at Calhoun High School. Mia has a gift in being able to seamlessly balance being a three- sport athlete and member with all her other activities. As a member of the Varsity Soccer, Winter Track, and Spring Track teams since the 9th grade, and this year being the **first ever female to be a Varsity Football Player**. She has pursued both Honors and Advanced Placement classes, consistently challenging herself to pursue classes that are both rigorous and of interest to her. Shae has been inducted into the Social Studies, Spanish, Science and National Honor Society, she is a Gilder Lehrman Scholar and earned the distinction of being named an AP Scholar! One of the true gems of Calhoun High School, a gifted scholar, a talented athlete, a great friend, sister and daughter, a leader, a success! I am honored to present the Calhoun Alumni award to Mia Advocate.

Michael Devito

If you were to ask Mike Devito what his most important commitment was, he would say his commitments to On Tour and Concert Choir. They are two groups that hold his passion, and where he can truly express himself. When you meet Mike, he is a handsome guy, surrounded by a lot of friends. He is athletic and can pretty much play any sport. He even taught himself how to snowboard. But if you were to ask Mike about his greatest athletic achievement, he would say learning how to dance for a school

performance. He is one of the few that is comfortable in his own skin and isn't afraid of what people think of him. I have seen Michael perform, he is truly transformed on the stage. But, he is equally as good with behind the scenes work with building and painting. He is a leader amongst his peers, someone that people respect, admire and turn to for advice.

Something that always intrigued me about Mike is that I never know what he is thinking. He is a deep thinker and has intense insight idealism. He told me that his "motivation" was to the unrealistic vision of changing the world. I really believe he feels that way. He is determined to make our world a better place. Although I say he is hard to read, he is also someone who possess a great sense of humor. His is comical and laid-back approach to his responsibilities is refreshing and fun. Mike is a twin. His sister is his best friend. They work well together, participate in many of the same activities and respect and treasure each other's talents. I admire how much they support each other academically and socially. Due to the girl/boy gender mix of being a twin, Mike has always had a double circle of friends. I think this is why he is so comfortable working with anyone. Mike will be attending Salisbury State next year, and I know he will be successful there as he was at Calhoun! I am honored to present the Calhoun Alumni award to Michael Devito.