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Audrey L. Shematek



Audrey Shematek, a Senior at York High School, is the first recipient of the new Michael J. Tylavsky, Jr. Memorial Scholarship award. The scholarship was established by the York Foundation for Public Education to honor the late educator and former Principal of Tabb High School. Audrey was chosen from among several applicants based on the selection committee's decision that she best exemplified the character, ideals, and wishes of Mike Tylavsky and the Tylavsky family.

Audrey has been accepted at Old Dominion University and plans to major in Exercise Science. She is interested in the Physical Therapy profession but has also expressed a desire to go into Sports Medicine; partly as a result of an athletic injury she sustained that required extensive rehab.

To help prepare for her chosen career, Audrey is taking extra related coursework such as AP Anatomy, Latin, and is doing a volunteer mentorship program in the Physical Therapy Department at Mary Immaculate Hospital.

Audrey has also been very active in the community and with her church, participating in "Read Across America," as a Salvation Army bell ringer, helping to prepare food for needy residents, and volunteering at SES Fitness Day.

In school, Audrey was Co-Captain of the York JV Softball team, lettered Varsity softball for three years, and served as Varsity Girls' Basketball manager. She is a member of the French Club, as well as having been inducted into the National Honor Society. Audrey has achieved Academic Honors each year at YHS, and was one of three Freshmen chosen to attend the 2006 VHSL Student Leadership Conference and Sportsmanship Summit. Outside school, Audrey spends about 28-30 hours per month as Co-Captain of the Virginia Legends Fastpitch Softball travel team.

One of Audrey's teachers said of her, "I could write pages about what a wonderful athlete and asset [Audrey has been], but what I think is most important about her is her outstanding personality and character." Her mentor at Mary Immaculate said that Audrey "demonstrates excellent perception and has excellent interpersonal skills well beyond her years." She went on to say that it was a "joy to work with such a responsible student."

Audrey is the daughter of Lynn and Robert Shematek of Yorktown. Lynn is a para-educator and Robert works at Northrop Grumman.

Congratulations and best wishes for a successful future, Audrey!