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EHS November 2022 Senior Spotlight: Meet Jayden White

On November 17th, Ewing High School will host their annual Open House. What do you want middle school students and parents to know about the high school?

If you surround yourself with people who are hardworking and driven, you have no choice but to be encouraged to do the same. Work hard from the beginning and get involved! It can be very fulfilling to participate and be recognized as a well-rounded student. Though you may feel pressure and overwhelmed, remember that making mistakes is okay and that we are still so young—so enjoy it and make the most of your time!



The past year has been very exciting for you. You are the first ever Ewing student to be selected to receive a Paper Mill Playhouse, Rising Star Award! Tell us how it felt to walk on the “red carpet” and receive the award?

Receiving this award was one of the most rewarding moments of my life so far. To be recognized by a theater with such prestige and to be judged/compared to other performers all around the state, to then win—I couldn't be happier! I really didn't expect much, being that there were so many other great performers and it was our first year being adjudicated, but the environment was so welcoming and the event was phenomenal. When they called my name to receive the award I was speechless! I felt so much love around me, it was like nothing else I have experienced before. I can't wait for this year's show. Hopefully, we will be nominated again and I can bring along the rest of the cast for another win!

Besides being part of the EHS Drama Department, what activities do you participate in school?

Along with performing in EHS productions, I am the vice president of the International Thespian Society and Marketing Manager for our Drama Department. I have also participated in both the choir, orchestra and Mastersingers. During my junior year, I was inducted into the National Honor Society and began running track/cross country.

What activities do you participate in outside of school?

Outside of school, I am usually engaged in music in one way or another, whether it's writing, producing or mixing my own songs or going to vocal and viola lessons.

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What other awards or acknowledgements have you received in school or outside of school?

Along with the Paper Mill Playhouse, Rising Star Award I have won a superior medal in a NJ Thespian Festival performance. I've been a participant in the CJMEA Regions Mixed Chorus both freshman and junior year where I was ranked as one of the top Tenor 1's. I also finished the Berklee College of Music - Music Production summer program and have been the first stand or principal violist in both the Youth Orchestra of Bucks County and Rowan Community Youth Orchestra.

What is your favorite memory of high school to date?

My favorite high school memory has to be tech week for the musical last year. We stayed at school to practice very late and it definitely prompts unbreakable bonds and unforgettable memories. We really grew as a family through all of the emotionally and physically draining practices and it's most definitely a rewarding week once the show is put on.

Who is your favorite teacher and why?

There are so many staff members at Ewing High School that have had a sizable impact on my high school career, but my favorite has to be Mr. Minter. He has contributed a bunch to my vocal performance through choir, Mastersingers and the musical. Also, he's really funny and is a great source of energy and happiness every day! I can't forget Mrs. Caldwell and Ms. Bohnenberger too!

What is or was your favorite class at EHS?

My favorite class has been AP U.S. History! Mr. Burley and Mrs. Walker are some of my favorite teachers and they've definitely made history much more enjoyable.

Who or what has impacted your life in a positive way?

My Grandma Francine had a very positive and significant influence on my life. She watched my sister and me while my father was at work and made sure that we stayed connected to the church community singing in the choir etc. She is the reason I perform and I will always remember the memories we made.

How do you define success?

Success to me is when you're fulfilled within. You don't have to achieve the highest goal or reach some extreme or seemingly unattainable height. Success doesn't have to correlate with fame, wealth or other things you obtain materially. I think the basis of success is mental. I definitely feel most successful when I am at peace with everyday activities—accolades and awards are just an added bonus!

What are your plans after you graduate from Ewing High School?

After graduating from EHS, I definitely plan to go to college. Depending on the school, I would love to be a performance major (Vocal or Musical Theater) and minor in marketing/business.

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Where do you see yourself in ten years from now?

In ten years I can envision myself on stage—maybe on Broadway singing, dancing and acting eight shows a week, maybe singing my own songs to an audience, or I could help manage another artist. Whatever it is, I hope for it to involve music.

What is your favorite quote or book?

“Simply because we were licked a hundred years before we started is no reason for us not to try to win.” (To Kill a Mockingbird)

What do you want people to remember about you after you graduate from high school?

I want people to remember me for bringing a positive and creative energy into the spaces I inhabit. Hopefully the success of the Drama Department as of late will inspire even more participants in the theater and shed a brighter light on the arts in schools.