

GRACE EVANS

Involved Student Plans On Staying That Way

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Grace Evans, the junior class president at Wood River High School, carries a 3.8 grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society. She has set her sights on a possible career in engineering.

A dual-immersion student since kindergarten, Evans also takes Advanced Placement Spanish, Calculus A&B, Physics, Economics, Language and Composition, and U.S. history. She is also a member of the Key Club, the Student Union and the Model United Nations. Somehow, she also finds time to play golf for the Wolverines and enjoys summer afternoons with her family at Anderson Ranch Reservoir.

"I have a real love for math, probably because I understand it and I'm pretty good at it. To me, it's pretty easy and, of course, it

feels good when you do well," Evans said with a laugh.

She also loves pre-calculus and A.P. calculus, "especially the way you're dealing with different equations and how it all fits together. I think that's why I might become an engineer or pursue a career as a math teacher."

One of Evans's favorite activities at WRHS is being a part of the Model UN. This is her second year. The club has about 17 students participating this year. They just attended a conference in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and will go to Berkeley, Calif., in the spring.

"We meet every Thursday at 8 a.m. to edit our papers, talk about how to make them better and discuss strategies for the upcoming conference," Evans said. "At the conference, you will be in a committee taking a country's position on a chosen topic. At the last con-



Grace Evans. Courtesy photo from Grace Evans

ference we were in Germany and I was on the environmental committee. We discussed deforestation and the problem of plastic debris in the world's oceans."

That experience left a big mark on her.

"It was incredible, especially because we drafted a resolution that was passed in our committee for a method to clean up plastic in the world's oceans."

At Berkeley, Wood River will represent Angola on the economic and social council, although work has not started yet. Evans initially got involved because she was interested in world affairs.

"A friend was doing it and I thought it would be so cool to go and actually debate these topics," she said. "I wanted to be involved in what was actually happening and to represent a country that may have different views from you and you get to argue them from their perspective."

The club spent two-and-a-half

months preparing for the two-day conference in Jackson Hole.

"I found that I really like debating," Evans said. "I like thinking on my feet and it's fun when you can counter their argument."

Evans also relishes her role as junior class president and being a part of the Student Union. She started her involvement in the eighth grade when she was elected president of the freshman class.

"I really wanted to get involved. I love working on dances, decorations and assemblies and working on the winter formal fundraiser for the junior class. The whole thing really makes me feel proud that people thought I'd be a good leader."

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