

## Rotary Seniors of the Month of October

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Recently, students Lexi Reinard and Paul Kellermann were recognized as the two Rotary Seniors of the Month. Throughout high school, both students have portrayed excellent performance and have bright futures ahead of them.



(From left: Debi, Marcus, and Paul Kellermann, and Lexi and Chrissy Reinard)

Lexi Reinard is the 2024 class Parliamentarian, is an active athlete, and has taken several AP level classes during her high school career.

In high school, she has been a member of numerous clubs and extracurricular activities. Her involvement in clubs such as Student Council have allowed her to gain social and event planning skills. As the Parliamentarian for the 2024 class, Lexi has run the social media page that helps to share information to Oxford's students. Additionally, with her role in Student Council, she has helped build class floats for Homecoming, raise school spirit, and get to know other members of the Council. In

reference to the club, she remarks, “It has taught me to really appreciate our student body and make connections with as many people as possible.”

In addition to being a member of additional clubs such as Helping Hands, art club, SNHS, NEHS, and yearbook club, Lexi has also had experience with NHS. As an avid member of Oxford’s National Honor Society since her junior year, she has helped get the annual event, the Dance Marathon, organized from her role as a dance relations chair. In the spring of 2023, she assisted in planning activities for the event, as well as decorating and encouraging students to sign up and be a part of the event, which raises money for childhood cancer.

With her membership in several community clubs, Lexi has partook in some volunteering events as well. Some of these volunteer opportunities include working at the Lighthouse Youth Center in Oxford, helping design and construct class Homecoming floats, student homework help on Mondays after school, and elementary school field days.

During high school, Lexi has challenged herself in various AP level courses. These courses include: AP European History, AP US Government/Politics, AP Language and Composition, AP Calculus AB, and the five AP classes she is taking her senior year: AP physics, AP Literature and composition, AP Calculus BC, AP biology, and AP Computer Science principles. However, Lexi comments that her favorite AP class has been AP Language and Composition because it helped to strengthen her writing and knowledge of both fiction and nonfiction texts as well as being an overall fun class.

Over the course of four years, Lexi has maintained her role as a student-athlete and has played in 3 sports, two fall and one spring. She played field hockey her freshman and sophomore year and then during the fall of her junior year she decided to try something new and explore golf. She quickly found the sports to be engaging and continued through her senior year. Her family memories of golf are the hornet hauler van rides to away rounds and singing and making jokes with her teammates. Along with golf, Lexi also plays lacrosse, which is her primary sport. Her junior year she finished the season with the recognition of all-league Chesmont second team and scored her 100th goal in the first game of that season.

In college, Lexi hopes to major in mechanical engineering and be oriented on STEM. She is interested in problem solving as well as being creative in her work, such as experimenting with things to find a solution to an issue. Lexi is looking at schools such as Florida Tech, Swarthmore, and her top choice, MIT.

Lexi leaves her final advice to upcoming high schoolers to, “Get involved. Love what you do. Go 100% with anything you do. BALL OUT!!.”



Paul Kellermann is a member of many AP level courses, a dedicated athlete, and an involved community member.

During high school, Paul has taken 13 AP classes. These include: AP Computer Science Principles, AP European History, AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB, AP Language and Composition, AP Computer Science A, AP Chemistry, AP Government and Politics, AP Physics, AP Calculus BC, AP Literature and Composition, AP Environmental Science, and AP Psychology. His favorite advanced placement class has been AP Chemistry in which he took his junior year.

Paul has also been a member of multiple clubs at Oxford. Some of these include indoor track, FBLA, and Boy Scouts. Through Boy Scouts, and being a member of Troop 13, Paul has gained community service opportunities. He has been in Scouting since 1st grade, with Cub Scouts 1st-5th grade, and Boy Scouts 6th-12th grade. Through this, he attends weekly and monthly scout trips. Moreover, in his goal to become a certified Eagle Scout, Paul has worked to renovate two separate bathrooms at SECA pool in Quarryville. His task was to paint the walls and stalls of each bathroom, add trim, power wash everything, replace toilet valves, and add lighting. He began this project in January, and finished in May 2023. To help gather funds for the

project, he raised \$3,000 by reaching out to community members. In fall 2023, he had his Eagle Scout report review, and on October 25th, gained recognition as an official Eagle Scout.

In addition to his volunteering as a Boy Scout, Paul also has volunteer hours in additional things such as helping others with their Eagle Scout projects, working at the Veteran's Day Breakfast, and participating in roadside cleanups with the Oxford Rotary Club.

Throughout high school, Paul has also been a runner, and before his sophomore year he began to experiment in triathlons. His experience as a swimmer for over 8 years, as well as lifeguarding for two summers allowed him to extend upon his running skills and participate in activities like triathlons. After placing first at a regional event, he was invited to the Milwaukee Triathlon Nationals for his age group. Paul placed 39/109 in the 15-19 age group. He remarks on his experience and says, "I got to compete with the best athletes in the Nation and travel the country to get there."

Besides his hobby of triathlons, Paul also enjoys walking and hiking on trails. With his family, he likes to go to National Parks all over the country, some of which including Acadia National Park, and his favorite, Rocky Mountain National Park. Additionally, Paul has run cross country and track for Oxford all four years of high school, and has qualified for Chesmonts multiple seasons for both.

Paul's post secondary plans include gaining access in the Naval Academy as well as dual majoring in Cyber Security and Computer Science. In his future, he hopes to graduate as a Marine. After sending in his extensive Naval Academy application in June, 2023, he is expecting a reply in January if he is accepted. Upon acceptance, he would begin training in June for 6 weeks until his academic courses begin.

Paul's advice to upcoming high school students include the push to, "get involved, realize that time flies, and make as many connections with friends, adults, and people as you can. Don't be afraid to walk up to someone and introduce yourself, you never know where it will take you."

