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207's Best: Academic Achievement

Maine West is pleased to recognize **Pavani Jairam** as one of 207's Best in the area of Academic Achievement.

"Pavani is thoughtful and well-spoken. She may seem quiet, but she is a force of nature when it comes to achieving her goals and holding others to a very high standard." ~ Ms. Jane Wisdom, NHS Sponsor

Pavani Jairam, excels in academics, extra-curricular involvement, and community service, the full trifecta! With a grade-point average of 4.9, Pavani clearly achieves at the highest of academic levels and has taken the most demanding curriculum during her time at Maine West. She is currently enrolled in five Advanced Placement classes and is in the Symphonic Orchestra as well. She is a National Merit Commended Scholar, president of National Honor Society, a member of National Spanish Honor Society, Pi Sigma Pi, Mu Alpha Theta, National Science Honor Society, and National English Honor Society. Pavani manages to strike a perfect balance among service, leadership and academic success. She cultivates an inner command of herself and exudes an outer display of excellence in everything she does.

Pavani is as dedicated to her extracurricular activities as she is to her academics. Mr. Aldworth notes that Pavani has participated in no less than 11 activities at Maine West. These include Math Team, Indian Student Association, and the Tennis team where she has been a varsity athlete for three years. Coach Murin appreciated the pleasure of being Pavani's tennis coach and Spanish teacher for three years. He describes Pavani's impact as fueled by respect and kindness. "She is not a rah-rah, vocal leader," he explains, "but one who is followed for the example she displays and the way she treats others." The "Voice for the Nameless" and Warrior Pride are two organizations that have made a great impact at West, and Pavani has been a significant contributor to both organizations as a change agent, innovator, and leader. Pavani is also heavily involved in a cultural dance group. Furthermore, Pavani serves as the Academics Editor of the Yearbook, serving on the staff since sophomore year.

It is, perhaps, Pavani's involvement in the community, however, that sets her apart from many. She has dedicated many hours volunteering with MCYAF, and her participation led to several town hall presentations and awareness raising

campaigns. In her spare time, she is tirelessly working toward helping and learning about others who are less fortunate, particularly our homeless population.

From Mr. Ebrahimi, counselor: "Pavani is a unique young lady that is kind, genuine, and determined to succeed beyond high school as an astrophysicist. She is mature beyond her years and cares deeply about others in her community. She is well-liked and respected by her peers and teachers enjoy having her in the classroom as she elevates the experience of her peers."

This is evidenced by what Ms. Littlefield Lanham, AP Euro teacher says about Pavani: "Pavani was a top scholar in my very first Advanced Placement European History class, which happened to be *her* first Advanced Placement-level class as well. Pavani possesses habits of mind which one finds in the most brilliant scientists and historians alike. To paraphrase one of our mutually favorite philosopher-scientists, Carl Sagan, *Pavani demonstrates a marriage of skepticism and wonder: wonder at the world around her, a fascination with human behavior and decision-making, all balanced by a healthy skepticism of the status quo, eagerly questioning in order to find reason and motive beneath the surface of things.* Her stunning intellect is complimented by a big heart; Pavani is kind, generous, thoughtful, considerate, and service-minded. She is the kind of scholar and person whose brilliance will shine a light on all those fortunate enough to work with her."

Pavani is unwavering in her pursuit to become an Astrophysicist. She said she has loved astronomy since first grade. Her top three schools are: UC- Berkley, Princeton, and University of Chicago.

There is no doubt that Pavani will be successful in any endeavor she chooses! Her intellectual capacity for learning, her openness to multiple perspectives, her lead-by-example character, her unquestionably high level of achievement in everything she does, and her compassion for those less fortunate, make her a superb candidate for 207's Best in the area of Academic Achievement. Maine West is pleased to honor Pavani Jairam, and we are confident her future will be extraordinarily bright.



Marina Scott and Maria Ward
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