

2022 Wayne D. Lett Scholarship Recipient



Lauren Francis
Woodside High School

Woodside High School senior Lauren Francis has been active in a number of school activities, including the Student Council Association, marching band, and the Student Athletic Leadership Team. She also volunteers with an organization that builds beds for children in the community. She says that her leadership work in school has “given her a heart for young people” and sees teaching as a way to give back to the community.

Lauren’s desire to teach is driven by her understanding that “the life of a teacher involves more than what is taught academically. Teachers are a constant source of inspiration for their students.” She further expresses that she “hopes to be a source of positivity for every child I have the privilege of interacting with. The cycle of development is something that I intend to contribute to. I believe a teacher’s attitude and perspective can change a situation. Utilizing influence is what makes the outcome of an interaction positive or negative. As an educator, not only would I want my students to learn things from the curriculum that I teach, but I would also want them to learn from the life that I live.”

Lauren plans to attend Christopher Newport University and teach English in Newport News Public Schools upon earning a teaching license.

