

2017 Bo Tipton Student of the Year – Female Marissa Muniz Onate

It is with pleasure that Lower Lake School nominates Miss Marissa Muniz Onate for Stars of Lake County Student of the Year award. Marissa is a phenomenal young woman whose integrity, determination and maturity have directed her onto a path of helping others.

Marissa is the eldest daughter, in a family of 8 children, with 6 girls, ranging in age from newborn to 17. Her experiences as the eldest child of a large family has shaped her interest in helping others, especially children, and led her to consider careers in either obstetrics or law enforcement. Marissa's primary focus, however, is admission to a four year college to become the first in her family to attend.

One of the notable qualities Marissa possesses is excellent leadership skills. For the past 3 years she has been involved and is an active member of Future Farmers of America. Marissa has an impeccable work ethic and demonstrates this by completing the highest caliber of work while striving to improve herself every day.

As Vice President of the FFA Club, Marissa is in charge of all committees and is an active member of the Floral CDE Team. She holds the attention of any group and is knowledgeable of all facets of the FFA Chapter.

In addition to her leadership skills, Marissa possesses the academic skills to pursue her educational endeavors. She has completed a full complement of Advanced Placement coursework, including enrollment in 3 AP classes during her senior year. She has completed her 60 required volunteer hours by recording an impressive 1,641 hours giving back to her community. She has coached soccer through Clearlake Youth Soccer Program and volunteered with the Konocti Summer Youth Program. Marissa is employed part time and continues to maintain a weighted GPA of 4.21. She is ranked in the top 2 percent of her graduating class.

Aside from her leadership skills, academic abilities, and desire to follow a career that will allow her to help others, Marissa is simply put an incredible young woman. She has an innate drive to be successful and to achieve the goals she sets for herself. Although Marissa qualifies for programs that would assist in her pursuit of a post secondary education, she has accomplished most of her goals independently. Lower lake High School is proud to have Marissa represent our school and community.