

High School Student of the Year: Madisan Chavez

Madisan Jolie Chavez was Born May 27, 1998 in Crow Agency, Montana to Jonna Runsabove Chavez and Kendal Chavez. Madisan is Crow, Cheyenne and Mexican, enrolled in the Crow Tribe. She is also a direct descendent of Whitemanrunshim.

Madisan is a great role model for Native American teens, she has taken every Advance Placement class her high school offers, and maintained a 3.857 GPA. She will graduate from Hardin High School in May of 2017.

While in high school, Madisan has been a member of Varsity club for 4 years, History club for 2 years, Indian club for 4 years, AISES for 4 years, National Honor Society for 2 years, Friends Of Rachel Club for 3 years, Class President her senior year, and Student Council for 2 years as Class Representative. Madisan loves being a Bulldog Buddy; mentoring younger students.

Madisan has participated in track and field - 1 year, cross country 2-years and winning State her senior year, basketball - 4 years, placing 2nd in State her senior year, tennis - 3 years and volleyball - 2 years. Earning Academic All State each time she lettered. She has earned numerous medals in the Big Sky State Games and is most proud of taking first place in the 2016 games in basketball. Madisan is athletically talented; there is no doubt about her talent, she also earned all-state recognition her senior year in cross-country and basketball.

Madisan is special in many ways; she loves a challenge and believes challenges are important for growth, she is charismatic and readily encourages classmates to only do "good things" that a "difference is made when you try to bring others up" and she is passionate about her elders and the importance of being respectful. Madisan never stops trying; she is always giving more than 100%, and is thoughtful of others. Going above and beyond in reference to civic duties comes naturally to Madisan. She is kind, and her kindness is sincere.

Madisan has made a positive statement and is a wonderful role model at Hardin High School and in the Hardin community. Madisan participated in the Youth Ultimate Warrior Leadership Conference 2016 and gained leadership qualities adding to those she comes by naturally. She is extremely dedicated to her family, her education, her friends, and her health. Madisan makes good productive choices, and upon defining goals, she enacts them with great dedication. Madisan has developed a written list entitled her "Smart Goals". When communicating with her you can see that she processes the information quickly and is compiling steps in her mind to bring the task to fruition. Communicating with Madisan is truly inspiring.

Madisan is thankful for her family and proud of her families' legacy. Madisan is the great-great-great granddaughter of Whitemanrunshim. Her family has made obtaining an education a priority, which is evident in the morals and beliefs Madisan exhibits. Madisan's future plans include attending college and majoring in Environmental Science. She will participate in Cross Country at the college level.