

AVID student of the Month

October

Usach Nelson

Usach Nelson was selected as an AVID student of the month for October 2014. She originally discovered AVID at Crossler Middle School when she was recommended for the program by her math teacher Mrs. Harris. Usach liked the idea of extra support to help her eventually reach college and be prepared to be successful once she gets there. So she filled out the application, went through the interview process and was accepted into the program.

Similar to other students involved in the program, Usach really enjoys the tutorials. She believes these are the most beneficial part of AVID because they force you to get confusion cleared up and get questions answered. An AVID tutorial is conducted with a small group of students; one student who has a question or problem (from any class) that they cannot figure out goes up to the board and writes that problem on the board. Other AVID students are gathered around with a blank sheet of paper and act as an audience for the presenter. The student at the board presents their question and starts to work his way through it. When the presenter gets stuck, students from the audience may ask leading questions in order to prompt the presenter. The process develops a deeper understanding of the concept as the student works through it in front of his peers.

Other than AVID, Usach credits her ability to have success in school to her mom. She has a total of 10 kids and has a rough time on a consistent basis. Her mom still supplied plenty of love throughout her childhood, so Usach wants to graduate from college and make her mom proud! She is not yet sure what her major will be, but after graduating from Sprague, Usach wants to attend either Boise State or University of Oregon.

Great work Usach Nelson! You make our Oly Nation proud!