



2019 Leo W. Seal, Jr., Scholarship Spotlight - Emilie Chenault

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Gulfport, Mississippi | Gulfport High School | Plans to attend: Louisiana State University



As she reflects on her high school journey, Emilie points to the many lessons, memories and defining moments along the way that have shaped her future rather than her accomplishments. It's no wonder school leaders use words like caring, committed leader and 'amazing' to describe her.

Gulfport High teacher Scott Wedgeworth calls her an exceptional student with high moral character and intuitive leadership skills. Another Gulfport High teacher, Jessica Lopez describes her as a quiet leader, with great grit, resilience, and endurance.

Emilie credits being a part of a team with balancing her, challenging her and helping her develop her leadership skills. In fact, some challenges led her to take a leap as an entrepreneur and start her own graphic design business. She cherishes these experiences and looks ahead with confidence and excitement about her future and her future career path.

"I have learned that it takes time to master something new, and perfecting the art takes even more dedication and commitment. Like Mr. Seal, I too want to be a community leader and give back," says Emilie.

Guidance Counselor Alice Walker says, "Emilie is one of the most outstanding students I have been around in my life. She is a strong, positive leader. She is always looking for a way to serve our school as a leader and our community. She is amazing!"

Emilie is the daughter of Retail Segment Strategy Director RoAnna Chenault. She plans to attend Louisiana State University to study Mechanical Engineering. She serves on the student council, as Beta Club secretary and Editor-in-Chief of the Annual Staff. A member of the Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta and National Honor Society, The Prayer Run Coordinator of Trinity UMC Youth Leadership and Fellowship of Christian Athletes member also volunteers at the Humane Society and Feed My Sheep. She has served on the Gulfport Mayor's Youth Council and as Spring Ball Chairwoman for the Cotillion Club of Gulfport.