



2021 Leo W. Seal, Jr., Scholarship Spotlight – Anh Ashley Nguyen

New Orleans, Louisiana | Benjamin Franklin High School | Plans to attend: Louisiana State University



A tenacious and brave student with an open mind and an open heart. Those are just a few of the words teachers and mentors use to describe Anh “Ashley” Nguyen.

Lauren Lastrapes, Ph.D., in the Department of Social Studies at Benjamin Franklin High School adds, “Ashley is bright, busy and high achieving. She is also smart and dedicated to the pursuit of genuine knowledge about herself and the world.”

As a dedicated student who prioritizes her academic achievements, the outgoing scholar has a passion for serving others and looks forward to pursuing that passion in college and beyond. An accomplished pianist and dancer, she also has a passion for studying science. She plans to earn a degree in nursing from Louisiana State University.

“I want to work in a hospital, maybe even the emergency room,” Ashley says. She adds that she enjoys the fast pace and adrenaline of working in a hospital. Her dream is to become a travel nurse to be able to visit more places within the U.S. and internationally and work. She also finds time to work part-time while excelling academically and giving back to the community.

Ashley is a member of the National Honor Society, Asian Pacific Club and the Key Club. She is also a member of the choir and volunteers as a pianist for Ca Doan Truong Duong, at Mary Queen of Vietnam Church.

Kevin Nquyen, Director of Ca Doan Truong Duong Choir, says, “ I have seen an increase in the number of youth who are interested in volunteering with our organization because of Ashley’s personality and amazing character, I have a great deal of respect for her.”

Ashley is from New Orleans, Louisiana. She is the daughter of Client Solutions Specialist Lan Tran.