

## Westminster STAR Student 2021

STAR Student: Mary Caroline McCormack

Parents: Tom and Michelle McCormack

Comments about Mary Caroline from Mrs. Stephens – “I have never taught a student who works as hard and simultaneously gives so much as Mary Caroline McCormack. Mary Caroline is dedicated to the pursuit of academic excellence, and the course load she takes on each year would be overwhelming to most. Where other students might neglect outside interests and relationships with such a consuming work schedule, Mary Caroline also leads and excels in extra-curricular activities like Mock Trial, where she serves as team captain and lead counsel—leading the team to two state championship rounds during her high school career. She’s also the youth governor for the state of Georgia for Y-Club, again showcasing her skills as an orator and leader. More important, however, than her many academic accomplishments, Mary Caroline finds time to build relationships, not just with her peers but with younger students as well. She is a loyal and giving friend, continually building others up; she is a leader who demonstrates what it means to work hard, have integrity and show humility. She tutors, helps, encourages, mentors and absolutely epitomizes Jesus’s command to “Love thy neighbor above thyself,” every single day. I admire and love her, and the school will not be the same without her next year.”

STAR Teacher: Emma Stephens

Teaches AP English Literature, British Literature, and American Literature

Comments about Emma Stephens from Mary Caroline - “Mrs. Stephens has been one of the most impactful teachers in my life. As my mock trial coach and English teacher throughout high school, Mrs. Stephens has taught me the skills of critical thinking, public speaking, writing eloquently, and so much more. She has transformed my confidence and work ethic in giving me countless opportunities to succeed. I am incredibly grateful for her intentionality that she has poured into me, and I know that I will carry the lessons I have learned from Mrs. Stephens with me for the rest of my life.”