



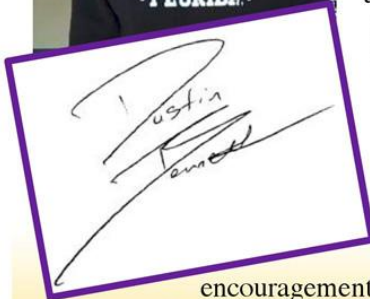
Riders of the Week

February 16 – February 19

Sydney Brookshire has chosen **Marissa Birdwell** for Rider of the Week. Marissa enjoys spending time with her family and friends and relaxing and watching Netflix. Her favorite movie is *Age of Adaline*. Her mother is her role model because Marissa admires how strong and selfless she is. When Marissa graduates, she plans on becoming a graphic designer because she has a passion for design and she can create art with just a few clicks of a mouse. Mrs. Brookshire says, “Marissa is a gem. She is so talented and I am so grateful she let me con her into joining my newspaper class. She is in charge of layout, and she is the reason we have such a beautiful publication. My love for Marissa is so much more than admiring her talent, however. I love talking to her about school, college, life, and her future plans. My hope for Marissa is that she always remembers how valuable, smart, beautiful and funny she is, because she is all that and more. She has truly been a blessing to my school year, and I hope our relationship continues after graduation.”



Marissa Birdwell



Dustin Bennett was also chosen by Sydney Brookshire for Rider of the Week. Dustin enjoys playing video games and tennis. If he isn't at his house, you can find him on the tennis court or with his girlfriend. His favorite movie is *American Beauty*. His role model is his father because he has been through a lot in his life and knows how to make right choices. Dustin says he has always been by his side! Dustin plans on going into technology maintenance, but has dreams of becoming a writer. He says, “I was thinking of being a writer and doing tech maintenance as a back-up, in case my writing doesn't take off. I've always been interested in how technology works, and I have always gotten a kick for creating worlds for a reader to imagine.” Mrs. Brookshire loves having Dustin in class. She says, “Dustin cracks me up all the time. He is the most unique student I have ever had. It is not uncommon to find him busting into a dance move on his way across the classroom or making witty comments under his breath while listening to Eminem and playing on his DS. Dustin is kind to others and I can count on him for a wave and smile when I see him in the halls. I have started a literary magazine for the district, and Dustin has submitted great work in both issues. I enjoy his

encouragement as the magazine develops, and I truly look forward to seeing what he submits this spring. If/when I have a son, I hope he is like Dustin.”

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