

2017 YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nominee: Shayan Bawaney

Nominator: Maureen Byrne



In the Nominator's words:

Dublin High School has many exceptional students, hundreds of whom would be excellent candidates for Young Citizen of the Year. One senior who has stood out this year is Shayan Bawaney. Shayan is kind, funny, creative, insightful, and a person of integrity. It is a pleasure to nominate him for Young Citizen of the Year.

Shayan and his family moved to Dublin at the beginning of his freshman year at Dublin High School. New to the community, he kept a somewhat low profile his first few years at school. He was involved in the community as a Boy Scout, dedicated to his studies, and over the last two years, he decided to become more involved. He is involved in leadership, academics and the community. The more I get to know him, the more I see how exceptional he is. At Dublin High School, Shayan has taken an active role in leadership through the Engineering Academy, and as a Freshman Mentor Program mentor. He is on our MIT InvenTeam, one of 15 teams chosen by MIT (out of 8,000) to receive a \$10,000 grant and create a prototype to share in Boston next summer. He participated in our Mr. Dublin contest, regaling everyone with his stand-up magic show.

Shayan is someone who seems happy and calm, doing all of the above while maintaining a 4.38 GPA. Shayan is also a photographer. He has worked on our newspaper, photographs events, and owns his own photography business. He is insightful and looks at life through a creative perspective. We are grateful that he shares this gift. All that alone is enough to celebrate.

This year, I also have learned that Shayan is a person of faith and that the principles of his Muslim faith have shaped who he is. Shayan is involved nationally with the Muslim Youth of America, and is currently Public Relations chair of the organization. This is a huge deal. He has helped organize and promote national conferences in Chicago, but you would not know it, as Shayan is also humble. He lives his life with kindness and integrity, and it shows. Shayan is an exceptional individual. He is a delight to be around and he would make an excellent choice of Dublin Young Citizen of the Year.