

Rachel

Class of 2022

From: Bronx, NY

First Year at Horace Mann: Sixth Grade

Favorite Classes: Comparative Race and Ethnicity (CRAE), Ceramics, Chemistry

Favorite School Trip: My two week trip to Spain was extremely fun! We attended classes on Spanish language and civilization in the morning, where I learned a lot about conversational Spanish. I really enjoyed the opportunity to be fully-immersed into Spanish culture while bonding with HM students and teachers.

Activities: Student Ambassador, Service-Learning Team, The Union



Why HM?: My time at Horace Mann is characterized by both academic and personal growth. Before going to HM, I was a super shy and quiet person, and I never felt challenged to go beyond my comfort zone. When I arrived to school to go to Dorr (our outdoor campus in CT) for orientation, I knew HM would be different. As soon as I got on the bus, I met so many students who were eager to make new friends and I immediately felt comfortable. In addition to the many visits I made to Dorr, I have been able to meet amazing people through the many communities at HM, while sharing my thoughts and being outspoken without boundaries! Whether I'm at Dorr, having an amazing discussion in CRAE, or just hanging out on Alumni field, I love being a part of the HM community where our voices are heard and ideas are encouraged.

Favorite Spot on Campus: Most times, I'm on the second floor of the library, at a desk near the windows. It is such a quiet space which is perfect for working on an assignment or just relaxing before my next class.

Best Food at the International Food Festival: I always go to the Jamaican food first because it reminds me of my family!