

Diana

Class of 2020

From: Demarest, NJ

First Year at Horace Mann: Sixth grade

Favorite Classes: Although it is very hard to choose, my favorite classes are Introduction to Art History: Renaissance, Biology, English, and Pre Calculus BC Honors.



Why HM? Horace Mann has provided me with a unique space to fully explore my academic and social interests. From clubs/publications, to sports, to faculty, Horace Mann has an abundance of resources and has allowed me to find my place in a community. It has fostered deep intellectual thought amongst the student body, while maintaining a safe and comfortable environment for all students.

Favorite Activities: Interfaith Network, Varsity Lacrosse Team, Middle Division Mentor Program, Student Ambassador, HM 246, Spectrum Magazine, Operation Prom

Favorite school trip: At the end of my sophomore year, I participated in the Spanish immersion program through Horace Mann to Salamanca, Spain for two weeks. The trip was a great learning experience, and I had the opportunity to meet native speakers close to my age. We had classes every morning, siesta after lunch and then we would have an activity in the afternoon. Over those two weeks, I was able to practice speaking and I significantly improved my conversational skills. Simultaneously, I created very close friendships with both my classmates and teachers on that trip. We spent the majority of our time in Salamanca, however we went to Segovia and Ávila for a day on the weekend. During our final day in Spain, we toured the city of Madrid and went to the Prado Museum.

Most underrated thing about HM: I think that the faculty at Horace Mann is incomparable. My teachers have always been extremely willing to meet with my peers and me, and always make themselves available to discuss issues both within and outside of the classroom. They are the reason I feel so invested in the material I learn. In addition to our teachers, the maintenance and cafeteria staff keep HM running, and we could not go a day without them.