

October Student of the Month hopes to open her own salon someday

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Whittier Vo-Tech Senior Brooke Gallagher remembers being nervous about coming to the large, regional high school as a freshman where she knew only four people.



Today, the senior in the cosmetology has many friends and said, “I love Whittier. I’m glad I decided to come here.” She has been named the school’s October Student of the Month. “I’m ecstatic about it,” she said.

The daughter of Patty and Jim Gallagher of Methuen is an honors student, a captain on the varsity cheerleading squad, class vice-president for four years, a tour guide for freshmen orientation and a Powder Puff team member.

Her favorite activity in and out of school is cheerleading. She has been a cheerleader since 8th grade and takes tumbling classes after school. One of her favorite school subjects is chemistry, she said, because she knows it will be useful in her future career. She enjoys texturizing and cutting hair along with doing updos.

After high school, Brooke plans to take business classes and build her clientele at a salon after she gets her cosmetology license. She hopes to one day open her own business. For now, she works at Christopher Haircutters in Andover as a receptionist.