



Everyone Has a Story: Kaitlyn Llerena

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For this issue's EHAS, we used a random number generator to pick a specific follower on our Instagram account. Google spit out 422; after going down the list of followers and counting I reached this issue's subject: junior Kaitlyn Llerena.

Llerena immediately greeted me in the Facetime call with a warm welcome and bright smile. After giving her a few questions to pick from and lead the interview, she ran with one discussing her passion: law.

"I love seeing justice being served. I think that's just the greatest feeling of accomplishment," Llerena said.

Starting off in the Pre-Law program in her freshman year, Llerena's enthusiasm for law has only grown. Although her technical origins for the craft started only three years ago, she discovered her passion through her father.

"Well, my dad actually when he was in Cuba, he was studying to be a lawyer," Llerena said. "When he came here he didn't have the time to or the actual opportunity to sit down and study to be a lawyer, so he had to make a living for himself."

Llerena's father, in turn, tried to lead her to his love of law. After learning more about the law, she was hooked.

"I kind of want to, like, seek out his dream," Llerena said.

Llerena's favorite law class thus far is Homicide Law but she is also considering going into family law to give children a voice. For Llerena, it's all about being there for the people.

Besides taking Pre-Law coursework, Llerena pursues her interests through Mock trial. All throughout her learning process, she shares and compares details on cases with her father.

According to her friends though, Llerena isn't limited by her involvement in Pre-Law. She focuses on excelling with

I want to be part of the movement or part of the change that we see where society will eventually or can eventually trust the system so much and like actually rely on it and not worry about the corruption that may be occurring.

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her strenuous course load and making everyone's day just a little bit brighter.

"She has given and still gives every friend and family member 100% no matter what," junior Madison Maitre said. "Although she doesn't know how to crack anything other than a dad joke, she is truly one of the funniest people in my life (but she'd say differently). She just lightens the mood with her optimistic presence to ensure no one is having a bad day."

To friends like Maitre, Llerena is best described as "smart, loyal, overly generous and hilarious." To Llerena though, she just wants to be known as the person who makes change.



MORE THAN JUST LAW: Junior Kaitlyn Llerena and Iman Lakhdhir, pose on Heritage Brick. Many friends describe "Kaity" Llerena fondly citing her trustworthiness and kindness as key adjectives for her in Pre-Law and out. "Kaity has shown me how to be a better person and she is always pushing me to ensure I do my best in school and all other aspects of my life," junior Madison Maitre said. (Photo submitted by Kaitlyn Llerena)