**The Definition of Well-rounded: Evie Fachon**

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**East Greenwich, RI-** Evie Fachon is the type of student that every college wants to see an application from. Fachon herself is very modest while her list of extensive extracurricular activities was, singularly impressive. But Fachon is nowhere near one sided. She has a close friend group and a transcript any high school senior might kill for.

In her senior year Fachon is not taking a light course load. Her schedule consists of AP Calculus, Anatomy, Books to Film, Independent Art Study, AP Biology, and AP Microeconomics. Phoebe Hughes, a close friend of Fachon, knows that Fachon gets "crazy awesome grades," and even with a heavy workload she is not spreading herself too thin. Hughes also described Fachon as "organizedly disorganized" because she can have a mass of paper overflowing from her locker and backpack, but still know where everything is and never lose anything. Fachon's dedication to school and intelligence have not only earned her great grades, but fondness from her teachers. For example, Karen Izzo, Fachon's AP English teacher last year, loved Fachon's unique perspective and personality.

Fachon's only interests do not lie in academics, but in marine biology and her hobbies. "[She] has grown up sailing and spending summers at the beach, so [she] has always been interested in marine biology." This interest is what lead Fachon to work at Biomes Aquarium and become scuba-certified and she goes snorkeling often in the summer time. Fachon got her job at Biomes when she volunteered because she "wanted to learn more about the animals." After volunteering, Fachon was hired as an employee. She now trains new volunteers, feeds animals, cleans tanks, and runs birthday parties. Fachon also gives demonstrations during public hours with the animals that Biomes holds. Two of the most frequent demonstrations are puffing up puffer fish and feeding the sharks. Fachon also gets to fulfill her original goal of learning more about the animals by going on field expeditions to collect new animals. Fachon goes to Fort Getty in Jamestown during the fall to collect a different variety of fish. Biomes does not just pluck fish out of their natural environment to tame them though, "during the summer, tropical fish come up the coast on the gulf stream (and they're all babies and super adorable) and when winter comes the water gets too cold for them -- so they die if [nobody] finds them." The majority of the kinds of fish that Fachon collects are butterfly fish, filefish and triggerfish.

Fachon's love of marine biology also extends to her plans for the future. She is planning on attending college next year and majoring in biology. Along with a rigorous scientific work load, Fachon wants to minor in film. This unique combination will be going towards what she wants to do after college, which is making environmental and scientific documentaries. As far as where Fachon plans to accomplish all of the she is "still really undecided" but as of right now, her two favorite universities are Duke and Northeastern.

The average person may think that mixing a life of movie making and science would be difficult and contradictory, but Fachon is already doing just this. One of her favorite hobbies is making animations as short stories. She started when "[she] got her first digital camera, just because [she] thought it would be fun to see what [she] could make." Fachon is also currently making a movie out of a short story called "Griffin and Sabine", which is a twisted love story about a correspondence between two people. Fachon's group that she is filming with is Ashlesha Dhuri, Lindsay Tomasetti, and Lauren McCann. Fachon is doing something most high school students do not find a way to do, which is already incorporating all of the things she is interested in for her future into her high school experience.

Wanting to minor in film requires a certain amount of creativity, which Fachon's friends and peers have no doubt she has an abundance of. Sarah Craft has witnessed that Fachon "comes up with things that you wouldn't expect...we used to eat popcorn in her driveway on a nice day and one time she drew a blue walrus on her driveway in chalk just for fun." Rachel Basso has known Fachon since the second grade, and when they were seven and Basso received a typewriter, they would write their own newspapers and Fachon would illustrate them. At the same age Fachon also gave Basso a book of poems that she had written and Basso believes they would still be considered good in her senior year.

Fachon's friends do not describe her with "normal" words a teenager in high school might find themselves being stereotyped behind. Craft believes that "Evie is a unique and spunky person who appears unassuming." Fachon's creativity and original personality make her the unique and spunky person she is according to Craft. She is "unquantifiable and defies definition." One common trait that Craft, Hughes, and Basso all commented on and emphasized was Fachon's creativity. Basso believes that "she will not let her creativity be compromised to fit it." However, Fachon is not a misfit in her uniqueness. Everyone who she talks to loves her unique personality. Basso also believes that as soon as you talk to her you can tell "everything that she does reflects her artistic ability." Her backpack is splatter-painted, and Fachon's wardrobe will sometimes highlight a hate knitted by herself. She even has jeans inscribed by sharpie with meaningful sayings and words. Fachon's creativity and originality make her stand out from her peers according to Craft, and according to Hughes her creativity makes her "whimsical."

Another common theme among Fachon's peers is that they found it difficult to summarize the essence of "Evie." "She is hard to capture in a few words. She is intelligent and talented and has a unique perspective," Craft said in an attempt at a summary of Fachon. Basso said that "basically she is a really creative person and a talented writer." Hughes knows that "she's super optimistic about almost everything and doesn't waste her time with things she doesn't like to do." This is reflected in her hobbies in high school corresponding to her major and minor in college which will be biology and film respectively. Fachon has proven to be extremely unique among her peers with her impressive resume, but she also holds the love and respect of her friends and peers.