

Ally's optimism and ambition has made her an excellent leader and role model on our team and in her community. Her attitude has driven her significant personal growth and impacted the team. With 6 years of Student Council and 9 years of Girl Scouts, she had all the underlying skills to become a natural leader and excellent Dean's List candidate.

Ally has increased 1511's presence in FIRST and the community. At demos, Ally effortlessly engages and inspires young kids. She has organized several fundraisers, robot demos to recruit new students, and community service efforts like the FIRST MEGA Drive where thousands of items are donated to the community. She has volunteered at multiple FLL and FTC competitions and help sessions. Ally helped her mother start a FLL Jr team that she's continued to mentor, and she mentors her neighbor's FLL Team. She helps them with their presentations and making their logos, answers questions about FIRST and talks about her experiences on 1511.

Ally's main contributions revolve around marketing and strategy. She creates written and video team biogs. For the FIRST Parody Contest, she orchestrated a team-wide effort that produced a polished video, embodying 1511's team spirit. She heads the team shirt logo design and follows the engineering process by leading a group brainstorming session, developing several concepts and having the team vote for the best one. Her team shirt designs put the A in STEAM while enhancing her technical repertoire by mastering Adobe Illustrator. Ally's creative efforts can be found in our team's imagery, banner and team dance moves.

As Scouting Lead, Ally develops our scouting system and runs the scouting at competition. Last year, she taught herself the Capture Pro software for Kodak Alaris's line of advanced scanners, which allows us to automate paper scouting forms into an excel file. This year she added Tableau for scouting data analysis and presentation. She has ambitions to use a tablet-based scouting system next year. She trains the team how to scout by giving presentations. Her abilities to motivate, delegate and lead scouters is impressive. Her role is vital to our competition success, leading us to Einstein last year!

It's evident that her entrepreneurial endeavors are focused on team needs. Our Leadership team, of which she is the New Student Coordinator, needed a better communication method. She introduced Slack, an app that allows easy access to Leadership communications, which is critical to the organization of our team. Ally continued to improve her communication by attending our annual Leadership Boot Camp, an all-day training on leadership skills. She bravely stood up in front of the class to give her presentation and did amazingly well! She is a confident speaker, making her a confident leader.

Ally is a leader in her school and community. She was selected by her principal to participate in a new school group, Sources of Strength, which trains students how to recognize mental health issues in their peers and how to counsel them. She was also selected to participate in Student Summit on Race, discussing racial issues and how to address them in their school and community; she is a founding member of this committee. In July, she will attend Empire Girl's State, a week-long program about government, politics and Americanism. As an active participant in Camp Stella Maris's leadership programs, she has attended Teen Leadership Camp, Leader in Training, LEAD and will continue onto the selective Counselor in Training program.

Ally's altruism translates into her career goal as a psychologist or speech therapist. She is extremely hard working, which is also evident in her honors and AP courses and making high honor roll every quarter. She sees the importance in the holistic program that FIRST offers and plans to continue mentoring and volunteering after she graduates. She understands her involvement allows her to fulfill her goal to educate and inspire people.