

# 2024 Civic Leadership Academy

## Attendees



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**Odelia-Joy Agyemang, she/her/hers (*Marion, IA*)**

My name is Odelia-Joy Agyemang. I am a rising senior at Linn-Mar High School, where I am an active member of the Student Council, Teens Reaching Youth and (T.R.Y). Outside of school, I am a babysitter and a manager at a local Dairy Queen, and I enjoy going out with friends and spending time with my family. In addition to my school responsibilities, I participate in community events such as Spark in the Park, an Intercultural festival that promotes community wellness and celebrates diversity. I enjoy events such as Spark in

the Park because it brings people together and gives citizens in my community a chance to learn about other cultures. After high school, I plan to attend college and pursue a career in law. I am still navigating my strengths and passions however a career in law and political endeavors has always been of interest. Ultimately I aspire to become successful while making a lasting positive impact on society.

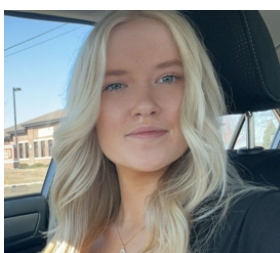


**Ryan Brown, he/him/his (*Appleton, WI*)**

Ryan is a rising senior at Xavier High School in Appleton, Wisconsin. He is the president of the science club and a member of Xavier's science scholars program. He is also a member of the Spanish club and honors society and Xavier's service club. He loves to take action in his school, whether that be DJing the school winter dance or organizing a Talent and Pageant show for spirit week. Ryan is a part-time barista at a local coffee shop where he feeds his caffeine addiction. He volunteers at a variety of organizations and was the

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's 2023 Northeast Wisconsin Student Visionary of the

Year, a program of fundraising and advocating for patients with various blood cancers. He volunteers as a lab assistant at a local hospital. He also is in class to earn his CNA license. Ryan is passionate about equality for all, especially in healthcare. Ryan is an advocate in Xavier's student government. In his free time, he enjoys listening to music, playing the guitar, or hanging out with friends. Music is so important to him, and his recent favorite artists are Lizzie McAlpine, Phoebe Bridgers, and Frank Ocean. Ryan values his academic success as well as community service so that he can make the biggest impact he can with the resources provided to him. After high school, he plans to attend university to pursue a double major in biology-on the pre-med track-and viola performance, with a possible concentration on public health or public policy.



**Juliana Chivers, she/her/hers (*Des Moines, IA*)**

Hi, my name is Julianna Chivers and I am an incoming senior at Roosevelt High School in Des Moines. Over the past four years I have come to be very involved in the Roosevelt community. I was recently elected student body president and vice president of our National Honor Society chapter for the 24-25 school year. I have also participated in mock trial since sixth grade. The past two years our team has placed fifth and seventh in the state. Mock trial is what convinced me I want study law in the future. This year I coached

a middle school mock trial team, and me along with one of my teammates started an elementary school prep program for fifth graders to prepare them to start mock trial. I am also a part of our school's tennis team and varsity show choir. Outside of school I love to dance and hang out with my friends and family.



**Logan Corwin, he/him/his (*Des Moines, IA*)**

I will be a senior at Roosevelt High School in Des Moines next school year. I loved running and I do both cross country and track nearly year-round. I have been doing cross country since freshman year and now I am a captain. I am also vice-president of the academic decathlon team which I have also been doing since freshman year. I am very involved in youth development which is exemplified by my involvement in Rider Crew, a program focused on helping freshman transition from middle school to high school. I also have volunteered at the Science Center of Iowa for 3 years now at their summer camps. I love

hanging out with my friends and watching TV and YouTube. After senior year I plan on going to college and studying psychology.



**Triya Gudipati**, she/her/hers (*St. Louis, MO*)

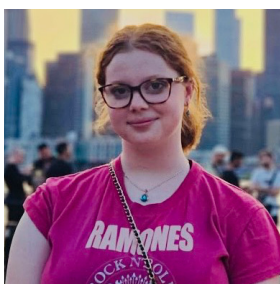
Triya Gudipati is rising senior from Parkway West High School in St. Louis, Missouri. Triya is very involved at school as the student body president, captain of the debate team, a link crew commissioner, an editor-in-chief for the school paper, and a member of the varsity dance team. She loves working with others and advocating for social justice and hopes to pursue a degree in economics or political science after high school. This past summer, Triya competed and placed in the top 60 at Speech & Debate Nationals, participated in Missouri Girls State, and the national FBLA tournament.



**Regan Gunkel**, she/her/hers (*Cedar Rapids, IA*)

Regan is an incoming Senior at Prairie High School, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She is entering her fourth year on the Prairie Varsity Dance Team, 15th year of recreational dance, and 8th year of competitive dance, where she applies team-leadership and conflict resolution methods. This past year, Regan has been inducted into Prairie High School's chapter of the German National Honor Society, Kirkwood Community College's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and was named on Kirkwood Community College's Dean's List for both semesters this school year. Last school year, Regan was nominated to the National Society of High School Scholars, to which she was accepted. She was an active member in Student Council this year, assisting with setting up the Teacher Appreciation

breakfast, and helping organize school assemblies. Her passion for leadership has led her to participate in four job shadows and two internships. Two of her job shadows had a specific focus on law: Legal Careers Day at the United States Federal Courthouse in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and FBI Careers day at the Kirkwood Regional Center in Coralville, Iowa. She spent last summer interning at the Linn County Attorney's Office, and will be returning there this summer for another internship. Regan is an active volunteer in her community, where she spends time volunteering with the Kiwanis Miracle League, a baseball league for special needs children; cleaning up the Kernel's stadium after games, and distributes food boxes for low income families through Prairie High School's Food Market. After high school, Regan plans to attend a four-year university, to study international relations and criminal law, eventually intending to attend law school.



**Lily Holcomb**, she/her/hers (*Dallas Center, IA*)

Lily is currently a junior at Dallas Center-Grimes High School. Through her advanced and AP courses, she strives to put in her best effort to reach her goals. She is involved in numerous extracurriculars, such as the National Honor Society, Key Club, Rho Kappa (a social studies honor society), Large Group Speech, choir, Student Council, and various other clubs and organizations. She is currently Vice President and section leader of her choir, Secretary of Rho Kappa, and Media Executive for Key Club. In the coming year, Lily will be President of Rho Kappa, President of Key Club, Media Executive of Student

Council, as well as a continued member of the Student Council Leadership team. Lily is the only participating student member of the School Improvement Advisory Committee in the district, and often uses the opportunities provided on the team in other aspects of her life. She has spoken at school board meetings regarding the decision to arm teachers and the banning of certain books. Lily is passionate about politics and government, which has led her to be active in protests in the community and her district. After the devastating shooting at Perry early this year, Lily helped organize a school wide walkout and was asked to be a speaker at the event. Lily plans to channel her passions for government and politics into a major in such studies.





**Ella Hulse**, she/her/hers (*Shawnee, KS*)

Ella will be a rising senior at Andover eCademy this coming school year. She has aspirations to become a physician in the future. She seeks to improve her civic leadership skills to diversify and learn how to impact her community and peers positively as a health provider. A seasoned club volleyball player and several years as a competitive equestrian event rider, leadership has been a core part of her life since beginning competitive sports. By learning how to engage effectively in advocacy, leadership, and representation, her goal is to create a positive impact on her community and the individuals found within it. Besides academics and extracurriculars, Ella enjoys reading, listening to music, hanging out with friends, and exercising. After high school, she intends to attend college and major in biology while following the pre-medicine track.



**Sarah Jiang**, she/her/hers (*Overland Park, KS*)

Hello! My name is Sarah Jiang and I am a rising senior at Blue Valley West High School in Overland Park, Kansas. In school, I am a member of the policy debate team, the DECA & BPA clubs, and the National English Honor Society. Outside of school, I volunteer frequently with local nonprofits. I also absolutely love to read and am currently reading "When Breath Becomes Air." My other hobbies include playing piano, learning new languages, hiking, and hanging out with friends. I am excited to join the Drake Civic Leadership Academy and look forward to further growing my leadership experience.



**Kara Knockel**, she/her/hers (*Durango, IA*)

Kara is an incoming senior at Western Dubuque High School. She is the creator of poetry club, which keeps her inspired with literature and provides a space for others to express themselves creatively. She has also risen to the title of vice president of book club, in which she enjoys assuming a leadership role. From her club members and friends, she is described as kind, thoughtful, and outgoing. Outside of school, she is involved in several volunteer activities including a soup kitchen, the Experimental Aircraft Association, and the public library. These allow her to meet new people and make a direct impact on her community. She has always cared about the world around her, vowing to make it a better place for everyone. For this reason, she is outspoken online and in person about political and social justice, advocating passionately for positive change. When she is not in school or volunteering, Kara enjoys spending time in nature, playing guitar and piano, journaling, listening to music, and playing with her pet goats. She plans to attend college to major in psychology or environmental science. Going forward, she is excited to broaden her horizons, expand her perspective, and challenge herself.



**Gabrielle Lawless**, she/her/hers (*Marion, IA*)

Gabrielle is an outstanding student at Linn-Mar High School. She is a senior and is very excited about this opportunity. She is a vigilant member in the Student Council and that is where she exercises her leadership skills when there is a project that needs to be coordinated. She is also a member of the school organization called SODA. This organization stands for Students Opposed to Drugs and Alcohol and it is where students focus on reaching out to other students within the community to promote the opposition towards drugs and alcohol. Gabrielle is an involved member in her school's organization

called TRY, which means Teens Reaching Youth. This organization focuses on upperclassmen getting volunteer opportunities within the district in order to form relationships with the other students and advocate for better mental health. She has learned the importance of what it means to be a good role model and how to present herself when she has people who look up to her through this organization. Another important school organization that she is a part of is called Lean on Me and that is when the high school students go to middle and intermediate schools with the purpose of informing the students what high school is like, and what to expect when they start their transition into high school. Gabrielle is passionate about being a strong voice for people who are not given the chance to speak and being a representative leader that is not afraid to welcome new experiences and opportunities. Most recently, she has been accepted for a summer internship at a local law firm in downtown Cedar Rapids. Gabrielle is confident in her ability to work hard and to become a beneficial part of the firm during the summer that she is interning for. She is also attending a summer program at Yale University called National Youth Leadership Forum: Business Innovation. This opportunity will help her progress in her career aspirations. Gabrielle is ready to start exploring her options within the career field of law and is ready to be open to learn about all things relating to government and social justice. During her spare time, you will see Gabrielle volunteering at Waypoint, where she helps out with the daycare. This experience has taught her how to think on her feet and how to handle many different situations, whether it is involving the children or the parents. When Gabrielle is not volunteering or during her off hours of her internship, you can find her enjoying a game of tennis with friends, painting while listening to podcasts, and watching Friends or New Girl. Gabrielle is a very hard worker and is fully committed in whatever she is involved in, whether that be academics or extracurricular activities. She is focused on her first few steps in her journey to having a successful career and becoming a strong leader that will become a positive influence in the community. After high school, she plans to attend a four year university and plans to go to law school in which she will take her first steps in her career in law and government.



**Elizabeth Mason**, she/her/hers (*Lincoln, NE*)

Elizabeth is a rising senior at Lincoln East High School. She is a dedicated member of her school's Student Council and has served as the treasurer for the past school year. On Student Council, she is focused on issues involving mental health in her school community. Additionally, Elizabeth is an officer in Letters Through Generations, a club that focuses on connecting students at her home high school and elderly living in nursing homes throughout the city. Elizabeth is also an officer for her school's Feminist Club that worked to pass the LB1050 bill that requires school districts to provide menstrual products in their restrooms. Outside of school, she is an active member of her church and

larger community through volunteering. Elizabeth is also a volunteer coach for a youth softball team and works at a daycare. In her free time she enjoys going to the lake with her friends, reading, and watching Gilmore Girls. Elizabeth is focused on creating a positive environment for those around her. After high school, she plans to study political sciences and business with hopes of pursuing a career in law.



**Zoey McGuire**, she/her/hers (*Rockton, IL*)

Zoey is a rising senior at Hononegah High School. She is a seasoned member of the varsity swim team as well as a member of Sports Leadership, where she works with other athletes in her school to develop teamwork and a better community within athletics. She is the North Central District President for her student council, where she guides over 70 schools and works on engaging others and encourages students to break out of their comfort zone into leadership roles. She is also a member of her school's Strategic Planning Committee which is in charge of setting the goals and expectations for the district over the next 5 years. In this group she has kept the focus on programs and

developments that would benefit the current and future high school students in her building. She is passionate about her community and helping others. Her passions have led to her creation of Kits for Kids, which is a toy drive that helps benefit kids in a local hospital. Over the past two years of this program, she has donated over 200 kits and over 100 miscellaneous items. In her free time, you will find Zoey with her friends and family, listening to Taylor Swift, and reading books. Whether it is through her academic endeavors or in her extracurricular activities, Zoey is constantly working to make her community better in any way she can. After high school, she plans to attend college and hopes to pursue a career in nursing where she will become a travel E.R. nurse.



**Gigi Muniu**, she/her/hers (*Liberty Hill, TX*)

Gigi is a rising senior at Liberty Hill High School with a passion for civic innovation, intergenerational collaboration, and cultural representation. As a volunteer Teen Court attorney, she supports students in her community and practices skills like public speaking and legal procedure. She recently founded the Model United Nations program at her school, which aims to help students learn about international relations and foreign cultures through research and peaceful debate. Gigi aspires to earn an undergraduate

degree in international relations and become an intelligence analyst. She is passionate about crime prevention, and seeks to gain an understanding of the role of law in civic development. This has led to her involvement in Civics Unplugged, an international nonprofit dedicated to supporting young people who are using civic innovation to change their communities. As a graduate of their 2023 Austin Academy and Spring 2024 Fellowship, she has learned what it means to be a civic innovator and joined a national student-led initiative, MasonVotes, in which she organizes monthly community events to increase youth voter turnout in local, state, and federal elections. When she's not busy doing homework or extracurricular activities, Gigi loves playing tennis, watching *Gilmore Girls*, and spending time with friends. Through leadership and advocacy, Gigi hopes to empower those around her to make a difference in their communities.



**Mac Murphy**, he/him/his (*Robbinsdale, MN*)

Mac is a rising senior at Robbinsdale Armstrong High School. He is the founder and current president of Armstrong's Health Occupations Students of America chapter. He is the captain of the Armstrong Golf team and the Trap & Skeet team and plays on the Hockey team. Mac uses his position as a student council member to promote diversity, school spirit, and inclusivity. Mac is a member of the National Honors Society, the Spanish Honors Society, the Opera Club, and a peer leadership group. Mac enjoys tutoring his peers, but his favorite volunteer job is coaching a traveling hockey team of boys eight and younger through his community hockey association. Outside of school, Mac has pursued his interest in medicine by volunteering at orthopedic cadaver labs and participating in international medical mission trips. But medicine is just one of Mac's many passions. Another is raising his three pet ducks Daisy, Rosie, and Goldie. Mac showcases his influencer and organizational skills on the Instagram page @MN\_duckdad, where he posts pictures and life updates of the ducks. Mac is also passionate about politics. His dad was the mayor of his hometown for eight years, which has allowed Mac a unique level of exposure and participation in city politics since he was six. He's sat through, and spoken at, multiple city council meetings. When Mac isn't volunteering, at school, or working, his hobbies include hunting, fishing, pickleball, fashion, and playing video games. Mac is always trying to lead by example, bring out the best in himself and others, and make those around him successful. After high school, Mac hopes to attend the US Air Force Academy or the US Naval Academy to study medicine.



**Luke Olson**, he/him/his (*Madison, WI*)

Luke is a rising senior at Madison West High School. Growing up in Detroit and moving to Madison, Wisconsin, in 8th grade, has given him a unique perspective on privilege and inequality. This awareness has fueled his passion for Civic Leadership. As a sophomore, he co-founded and now leads a civic engagement organization called Sifting and Winnowing, which has hosted events such as mayoral and school board debates. Additionally, Luke has interned in a state representative's office for two years, where he has gained valuable experience preparing and lobbying others about legislation for upcoming sessions. At school, Luke is dedicated to dismantling systemic racism, recognizing its deep roots in his educational environment. He believes that addressing issues requires more than just discussion—it necessitates collaborative action to develop and implement effective solutions. Luke's commitment to making tangible changes reflects his belief in the necessity of action paired with any conversation about change. When he's not advocating for change, Luke enjoys watching TV shows like *Suits* and *White Collar*, reading, hanging out with friends, and rowing. After high school, he plans to continue rowing at the collegiate level and pursue a career in law, politics, or education policy.





**Lay Gay Paw, she/her/hers (Marshalltown, IA)**

Lay Gay is a rising senior at Marshalltown High School. She is a dedicated member of the Math Team where she develops her problem solving skills and analytical skills. As a seasoned participant in speech and debate, she enhances her critical thinking and public speaking abilities. Lay Gay serves as a student Rotarian and is an active member of the Interact Club, contributing to community service projects and leadership activities. She is also involved in the Health and Careers Club, exploring various opportunities in the medical field. Next year, Lay Gay will take on the role of secretary for the National Honor Society, where she will help organize events and initiatives that promote academic

excellence and community service. Additionally, she will join the MVP program to further her commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all students. Her commitment to helping others extends to her volunteering at the local hospital, where she dedicates her time to assisting patients and supporting healthcare professionals. In her free time, Lay Gay loves playing the guitar, reading a variety of books, and volunteering. She also enjoys spending time with friends and family. Lay Gay's commitment to making a positive difference in her community is evident in both her academic pursuits and her engagement in extracurricular activities. After high school, Lay Gay plans to attend college and major in a field related to healthcare. She is deeply interested in pursuing a career in the medical field, where she can continue to help others and make a significant difference in people's lives.



**Quinn Pohlman, she/her/hers (Johnston, IA)**

Quinn Pohlman is a rising senior at Johnston High School. She is the current Student Body President, and has served in various leadership positions within Johnston's student council. Through these positions, she has improved her leadership, communication, and decision making skills. She is the President of the mental health club at her school, Students For Change, and is a large advocate for mental health awareness. She serves as a Student Ambassador for her district, and has been selected to sit upon various committees to assist in the hiring of district officials. She serves on the leadership board

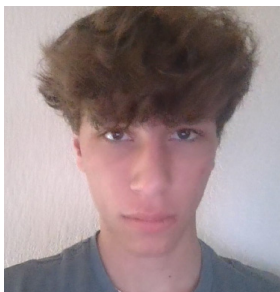
for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) within her district as well. These positions have led her to broaden her outreach within the community, and created a passion towards making a difference for the betterment of the culture within her school district. In her free time, Quinn enjoys volunteering at Meals from the Heartland and local elementary schools through the Silver Cord program sponsored at Johnston. She is an active participant in the Choir department at her school, and belongs to Johnston's varsity show choir, "Innovation," and top choir, "Cantus." Quinn is a member of the varsity golf team for her high school, and runs cross country in the Fall. Her favorite pastimes include reading, baking, running, and singing. Quinn strives to live life to the fullest, and improve the community and lives of people around her. She plans to attend college following her high school graduation, and hopes to pursue a career in business management or dietetics.



**Christopher Ramirez-Chavez**, he/him/his (*Des Moines, IA*)

Christopher is a senior at East High School in Des Moines, Iowa. He is an actively engaged student who loves to talk and participates in many academic, extracurricular, and community activities. In his academic pursuits, Christopher is a co-editor in chief for the school newspaper, the Scroll, and the co-editor in chief for the school yearbook, the Quill. He is also a varsity member of the Academic Decathlon team, where he has found success, placing 2nd in social studies and 3rd in literature and speech at regional competitions. Christopher's academic excellence has been recognized through his

consistent placement on the school's honor roll. Beyond the classroom, Christopher is deeply involved in his school and local community. Christopher is the elected Class President, representing student concerns with Christopher's great social skills having him being able to build strong connections with his peers at East High School. Christopher also co-leads the school's debate team, helping the team win many awards. He is also a varsity tennis player and has participated in the school's theatre department. Christopher has volunteered with the school's Scarlet Squad, helping to organize local events. Passionate about creating positive change, Christopher has collaborated with the Iowa Youth Congress to advocate for legislative reforms at the Iowa State Capitol. Christopher also serves on the Des Moines Public School's Facility Planning Committee, working to rethink and shape the future of public education in Des Moines Public School. Christopher's achievements and involvement have been widely recognized. He has received numerous awards, some including varsity letters in tennis, "Scarlet Strong" awards for his dedication to East High School, and accolades for his work in journalism, debate, and academic decathlon. After high school, Christopher plans to continue his education, with aspirations of pursuing a career in law, politics, public policy, or education. Christopher will continue to make a positive impact on his community and the world around him.



**Harrison Rhone**, he/him/his (*Colfax, IA*)

I am an up and coming senior at Colfax- Mingo High School. As an active member of the community, who strives to improve my leadership capabilities and sharpen my communication skills, my goal is to make a positive difference in the world by starting local. Being an upperclassmen and at the top of my class I hold myself accountable to create a better learning/growing environment for all of the people in my high school and community. I am also a volunteer at the Science Center of Iowa. I have a passion for enhancing the understanding of the youth who visit by taking complex scientific concepts

and breaking it down into something they will understand. This attitude directly contributed to The National Society of High School Scholars' choice to induct me. In my free time, you can find me on the baseball field volunteering with the Prairie City-Monroe (PCM) T-ball team coaching and helping kids. When I'm not volunteering or engaging in community events, you can find me spending time with friends, reading up on astro-physics, and playing basketball. Whether it's through accelerating academically or participating in extracurricular activities, I am constantly striving to make a positive impact on my community. After high school, I plan to attend college with hopes to pursue a career in Astronomy and Physics.



**Addyson Runde**, she/her/hers (*Mason City, IA*)

Hi there, My name is Addyson Runde and I'm a upcoming senior at Northwood Kensett High School. I'm taking college classes earning my AA degree which has allowed me to skip a year in school. I enjoy playing basketball, and riding Arabian horses on a National level. I put lots of time and effort into community service and it is something I enjoy as the best thing a person can do is help another. During the summer I spend most of my time showing my horses or at work flying across the United States and sometimes into Canada. I love meeting new people and I'm a very outgoing person.

**Nardeen Sabri**, she/her/hers (*West Des Moines, IA*)

Nardeen Sabri is a rising senior at Valley High School in West Des Moines, IA.



**Ujumbe Tembeya**, he/him/his (*Des Moines, IA*)

Ujumbe is a person who loves reading books. Ujumbe is from North High School. He finds inspiration in facing life's challenges and learning from them. While he hasn't achieved big things yet, he's determined to make a positive difference in the world. Ujumbe is good at solving problems and believes in being adaptable. He wants to help solve big problems globally. Ujumbe is mix of being sometimes outgoing and sometimes preferring time alone. His always looking to learn and grow, Ujumbe is constantly striving to make a positive impact on the people around him and his peers. After high school, he plans to

attend college and hopes to pursue career in law, engineering, and possibly learn about social services.



**Magnus Vescelus**, he/him/his (*Noblesville, IN*)

Magnus is 17 years old and will soon be entering senior year this fall. A school merit award recipient and member of the National Honor Society, he loves volunteering as a coach for Indiana Checkers Blind Hockey and Chicago Blind Hockey. Additionally, as captain of the local police cadets, he demonstrates leadership by coordinating events and working with his team to direct traffic and assist the police at different events around the city. Magnus is an avid nature photographer, and he uses his skills to capture the action at disabled hockey tournaments. As a sibling of a disabled cancer survivor, he has spent many years as an advocate for childhood cancer research, and he recently spoke to

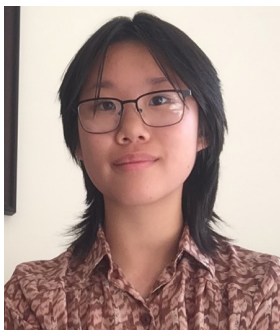
members of the U.S. Congress in Washington D.C. to push for legislation such as the STAR Act, Access to Care Act, and the Drug Supply Act. In his free time, Magnus has a deep love for animals and music, and can be found playing music in the advanced orchestra at his high school or playing with his dogs. Outside of that, he strives to create a positive influence on the world. After graduating from high school, he wishes to study Criminal Justice, Law, and Public Administration to pursue a career in Law Enforcement.



**Scout Walker**, she/her/hers (*Omaha, NE*)

Scout is a rising senior at Westside High School. Scout devotes much of her time to her school's art programs as she is a member of her school's show choir, chamber choir, and theater program. Scout is also a captain of her school's color guard team. She is also a member of her school's sustainability and climate change awareness club, Warrior Planet. Scout is also a member of her school's chapter of the National Honor Society and International Thespian Society. Scout is passionate about social justice and devotes many efforts to social justice education and activism. Scout has taken social action classes through the Omaha Women's Fund and has participated in mental health and suicide

prevention discussions through the AFSP Nebraksa program. Scout also volunteers through downtown trash clean-ups through Keep Omaha Beautiful. In her downtime, Scout enjoys reading, dancing, hiking, and spending time with her friends and family. After high school, Scout plans to attend college and study environmental studies or rhetoric and media studies.



**Kelly Wu, she/her/hers (*Bettendorf, IA*)**

Kelly is a rising senior at Pleasant Valley High School. She is a design lead for an all-girls robotics team, where she spends her time building robots and advocating for diversity in STEM. With her team, Kelly has helped organize socials for local teams, host conferences for young girls interested in STEM, and speak at robotics events for younger divisions. Her passion for STEM goes beyond robotics. In her free time, Kelly can be found volunteering at local STEM events and summer camps. She also enjoys volunteering at the Bettendorf Public Library, where she is the President of the Teen Leadership Committee. On the committee, she leads a group of passionate teenagers to identify needs within the

community and address them through crafts and events at the library. Through these events, she has helped and collaborated with local nonprofit organizations such as the Humane Society of Scott County. In addition to helping the local community, she aims to increase the visibility of national issues by hosting art events in the library that celebrate important months, like Black History Month and Women's History Month. Recently, Kelly has been working on a project to increase standardized testing resources available to students by collecting and redistributing donated books. When she is not busy working on a project, fixing a robot, or volunteering, Kelly can be found reading a good book, practicing a piano piece, or tackling a challenging math problem. In the future, Kelly hopes to continue making a change through a career in education, mathematics, or engineering.