

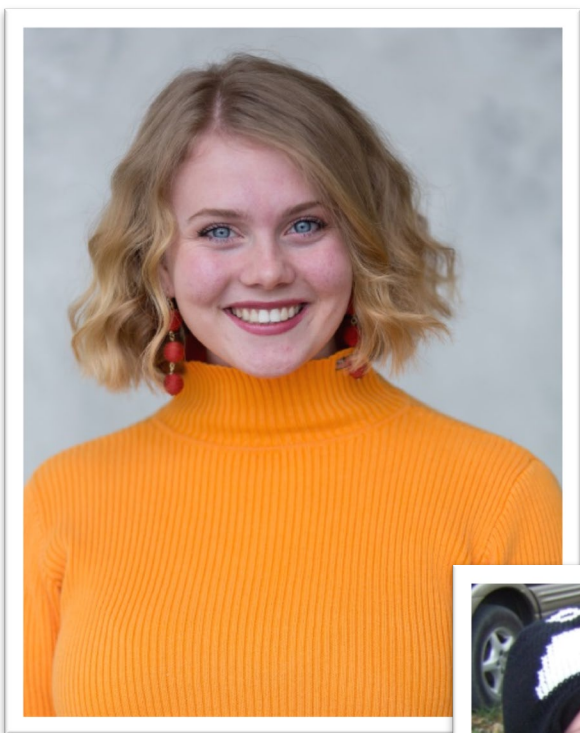
D.R.I.V.E. – Demonstrating Responsibility in Vehicle Efficiency

Alyssa Wieggers has been a Girl Scout for 11 years and is in Troop 506 in Service Unit 661. She is currently a junior at Lansing High School.

Alyssa's Gold Award project addressed the issues of a lack of basic car care knowledge in teen drivers. She found that in her community, many young drivers had limited knowledge of basic car maintenance and how to solve basic issues in case of an emergency. To help solve this issue, she developed a short program that could be incorporated into her school's driver's education curriculum. First, her troop learned the skills in the program, and then taught the program to approximately 50 other students at their high school during drivers' ed. The program was entirely girl-led. Alyssa had the students complete a short test before and after the program to assess its effectiveness and ensure safe driving practices for that year's class.

Alyssa worked with her troop, Lansing high school and community members to create the program and teach it to the first set of students. Since students as young as 14 can get a limited driver's permit in her community, she hopes that her project will empower them to be better drivers and remain safe on the road for years to come. By teaching those basic maintenance and emergency preparedness skills, while recognizing the responsibility that comes with a license, Alyssa hopes teens in her community will stay safe for years to come.

Because of Girl Scouts, I have recognized the importance of women supporting women through a sisterhood that was established during our formative years. The public speaking, collaboration, and advocacy skills I've gained through Girl Scouting will impact me in my educational and professional careers.



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