



Celebrate Gold

Ananya Agrawal
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Big Sisters: Menstrual Equity for All

Ananya Agrawal has been a girl member for 7 years in Troop 5466 in Service Unit 674. Ananya currently attends Blue Valley West High School and is a junior. She plans to study computer science and astrophysics in college once she graduates.

Ananya's project aims to fight period poverty and stigma, which is a leading cause of absenteeism for girls in the workforce and school worldwide. She hosted drives in multiple grocery stores throughout Kansas, collecting over 2000 menstrual products that were then donated to lower income schools in the Kansas City Public School Districts.

She also created educational posters and website where supporters could donate and shared resources to guide them to where they could donate products. Additionally, she advocated for SB 107, HB 2073, a bill that provides a luxury sales tax exemption on period products, diapers, and incontinence products. As part of this effort, she spoke with 5 legislators, encouraging them to co-sponsor this bill.

Through her advocacy efforts, she was awarded a \$3500 grant to host a period packing event and an educational panel. This event featured 2 Kansas representatives as panelists and was able to pack 1000 period packs containing pads, tampons, and notes of encouragement that was donated to a community pantry and domestic violence shelters.

“Because of Girl Scouts, I have been able to build my confidence in fighting for what I believe is right.”