



Celebrate Gold



Olivia Messina

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Equality Event

Olivia has been a Girl Scout for 11 years as part of Troop 52 in Service Unit 611. She is currently a junior at Liberty High School. She has future plans to attend the University of Missouri-Kansas City and pursue her medical degree.

When reviewing her school's annual survey, Olivia noticed a reported decrease in the "sense of belonging" by her classmates. Her project focuses on making others feel included by creating an Equality Event, a safe space for students to come as they are, make friends, and belong to the school community. She worked alongside diverse groups at her school including the Asian and Pacific Islander Club, the Mental Health Awareness Group, and the Gender and Sexuality Awareness Group to build a new type of gathering focused on equality and inclusion.

The Equality Event at Liberty High School will continue on thanks to the support of the various clubs and organizations that worked with Olivia. This safe space is sure to create a sense of belonging for many students for years to come!

Because of Girl Scouts...I have had opportunities I wouldn't have otherwise had and I feel confident in who I am and know that I have the ability to make a real world difference.