

KAYLAN M.

Caring, Passionate, Determined

"I believe that **culture shapes identity** and **defines possibility**; that it teaches us **who** we are, **what** to believe, and **how** to dream."

- America Ferrera



BIOGRAPHY



Kaylan joined the 49ers STEM Leadership Institute (SLI) halfway through the program during her sophomore year in 2017. Although she was exposed to a new environment, she adapted quickly and learned to adjust to a more advanced academic workload and school involvement. She has always been passionate about STEM fields because she enjoys understanding and using science and math.

Spurred by her desire for learning, Kaylan wants to ensure that her peers have the best opportunities in life and strongly believes that everyone should have the tools to pursue a bright future. To best help others, she has become a tutor for the younger SLI students; and she has found that it gives both her and the students the opportunity to develop relationships and build valuable skills. In the future, she hopes to continue to directly help others grow and succeed.

In addition to her philanthropic and academic pursuits, Kaylan enjoys relieving stress by watching teenage romance comedy movies and reading about them. In a way, these films — with their rosy outlooks and happy endings — have cultivated her passion to help others succeed by showing the importance of helping and caring for others.

