

Ava Mayo

Speaking one's mind takes courage and resilience. Where some choose to stay silent or lack the ability to do so, The Meadows School senior Ava Mayo is determined to use her voice to stand up for what she believes is right. Topping her list of priorities is promoting equal rights for women and people with disabilities. By putting leadership, strong communication skills and a passion for equality into action in all that she does now, she is laying the groundwork to turn these priorities into a meaningful future in political activism. For always striving to influence positive change and staying true to her convictions, Ava Mayo is— A Step Above.

G.P.A.: 4.33

Sports/Clubs:

- Varsity Volleyball Manager, 2016-2017
- Varsity Softball Manager, 2017-Present
- National Honor Society, 2018-Present
- French Club, 2017-2019
- TMS Mock Trial Team President, 2018-Present
- TMS Debate Team President, 2017-Present
- Mustang Mentors, 2017-Present
- Mustang Writing Center, 2019-Present
- TMS Student Ambassador, 2018-Present
- Key Club, 2017-Present
- Model UN, 2019-Present
- Women's Empowerment Club, 2019-Present

Awards/Community Service:

- AP Scholar, 2019
- Association Américaine des Professeurs de Français, Le Grand Concours Bronze Award Recipient, 2018; Honorable Mention, 2019
- Discovery Children's Museum, 2019
- English Tutoring, 2019-2020
- Three Square Food Bank, 2019-2020
- The Wheelchair Foundation, 2017
- Atria Seville, 2019-2020

Ruth Bader Ginsburg has influenced you through strong female leadership. What does that leadership look like to you? “The biggest quality that I think a strong female leader needs to have is the ability to empower other people, but especially women. Since politics is a male-dominated field, it is important that young girls see that women just like them can become leaders as well. Once that happens, then there can be more equal representation in our country.”

What are your duties as a student ambassador? “As a student ambassador, I am in charge of welcoming new students to the school and giving tours to prospective families. However, my favorite job is directing the grandparents that come to visit on Grandparents Day. Everyone is so happy to see where their grandchild is going to school and how well they are doing.”

What do you like about, and what have you learned from, your involvement in Mock Trial and Debate Team? Through Mock Trial and Debate Team, I have learned that I do not have to be afraid when I speak in front of groups and the importance of preparation. If you know what you're talking about, then you can carry this confidence with you while speaking. I most recently applied this to my first Model UN competition, where I won an award. Even though I was nervous, because it was my first time participating, I was sure of my information and was able to have insightful conversations with others about the best ways to protect privacy in the digital age.”

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