

**Who at Madison has helped you to love and follow Jesus more and to grow in your gifts? How did they do that?**

My Grandma Mary is the best and one of the most important people in my life. She's a nurturer and a role model to me and I love that way she's shown that through always taking care of me physically, emotionally, and spiritually. I've always looked up to her and admired how strong her faith is and the effect it has on this community, our family, and her friends. She's always pushed me to work my hardest in everything that I do including using my gifts. That as a result has helped me grow my relationship with Jesus. I love you Grandma!

I also have to thank Audrey Laninga for allowing me to develop my gift of public speaking. I've improved so much in terms of speaking in front of large crowds (especially at such a young age) with emphasis, power, and confidence. I appreciate her so much for taking the time to help me practice and improve my gift in a way that the words I say reach and touch everyone's hearts, filling them with God's love.

**How many years have you been serving in Children's Church and what do you enjoy about helping those younger than you to grow in their faith?**

I've been serving in Children's Church for roughly five years now and during those years I've enjoyed being able to relate to the children as well as be a good role model for them. I was a part of Children's Church before serving so I understood what it was like being in the kids' perspective. I've also enjoyed being able to use that knowledge in order to teach them the lessons in an engaging and informative way.

**How do you think growing up at Madison has equipped you to continue to grow in your faith and share it with others as you head off to MSU this fall?**

Both growing and serving at Madison have helped me to grow in my faith and become the person I am today. Every time I enter the church I'm greeted with warm smiling faces which never fails to remind me of just how warm God's love is. Whether it be through speaking to the church or serving in Children's Church, I realized that volunteering wasn't just about fulfilling a need, but about how God uses our gifts to change not only us but those around us as well. After some reflection of my life at Madison, I've realized that every time I walk inside I'm reminded of God's love whether it be through serving our community, worship, or the inspiring messages delivered through sermons. I hope that same love carries with me to MSU so that everyone I encounter can feel his love and want to join the faith as a result of it.

**What do you plan to study at MSU?**

I plan to go into Computer Science. However, I also want to create a program when I'm older with the goal to help educate, train and give children (who may not have the resources to help them succeed) who have endless potential materials to help better equip them for their future; such as mentoring in terms of the college process because I realized after going through the college application process myself this year how passionate I am about helping other students in my position get through it, not just with college applications but the scholarship application process as well.