

## Columbia Taylor Campus Middle School

Columbia Middle School Taylor Campus decided they want to help a local animal shelter, Columbia Animal Shelter. The students are extremely passionate about helping animals because they feel that "animals need to be loved and taken cared for to live their best lives." They are showing leadership qualities such as compassion and empathy because they have the understanding that the workers can't always get items that the animals would need, which is why they think having a fundraiser/donation drive to help with this aspect.

The LFG group are now known as the SuperSquad, and they did their presentation on Thursday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> in front of Compass Mark staff and selected school administration to explain their service project. With a lot of hard work, SuperSquad received the approval and many compliments on their presentations.



SuperSquads next goal is to come up with a timeline of when the fundraiser will take place and start spreading awareness of this awesome opportunity to help a local community animal shelter. Big things are coming from this group!



Destiny is a 5th grader at Columbia Taylor Campus Middle School. Her hobbies include playing her clarinet and reading. Her favorite book is *The Hate You Give*. She enjoys watching *Woody the Woodpecker* and *The* 

*Greatest Showman*. Destiny plans on becoming a vet that travels around the world, or maybe a parttime nurse. Her role model is her Uncle, and his favorite motto is "Never give up in life." Destiny hopes to gain knowledge on how to become a more effective leader and learn to communicate without offending others. Some leadership qualities she sees in herself is someone who shows kindness and is very respectful to others. Qualities that others see in her would be very charismatic and intelligent. We are happy to have her a part of this LFG program!

## Student Spotlights





Meet Ainsley!

Ainsley is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Landis Run. She enjoys lots of activities including reading, field hockey, camping, and horseback riding. Her favorite movies are *Avatar* and *Pirates of the Caribbean*. Her favorite animal is the giraffe,

her favorite school subject is math, and she loves to eat chicken curry. Also, Ainsley's favorite vacation spots are Montana and World's End State Park. Ainsley has big ambitions for the future including getting into politics, going to law school, and running for President of the United States! A role model in Ainsley's life is her dad, who cars about her and others and wants them all to be happy. Ainsley hopes to gain a great leadership experience alongside her peers in the LFG program. Her leadership skills including determination, working well under pressure, and using effective communication skills are an example for all!



"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."

–John Maxwell

## Landis Run Intermediate School

Students and Mentors in our Landis Run group are hard at work! They have been learning and practicing several leadership skills including effective communication, stress management, and decision making. We also enjoy some 'icebreaker' games every week or two, because we believe that it is so important to (even in a virtual setting) foster unity and trust amongst the team!

The team-player mentality is coming into play as the service project continues to be developed. The group of students, who now go by "MHCD Leaders" when representing their service project team, are eager to plan for a mental health and COVID distractions Spirit Week. That time will be filled with lots of activities including awareness-building around mental health, custom masks, icebreaker games across the entire school, etc.

The next step in the process is for students to seek approval and support for their service project plans in a proposal presentation to selected Landis Run and Compass Mark staff. After receiving the approval and any modifications from the staff members, the LFG group will continue to prepare! We believe that this service project will be an incredible way for students and mentors to showcase as well as strengthen their leadership skills and giftings.

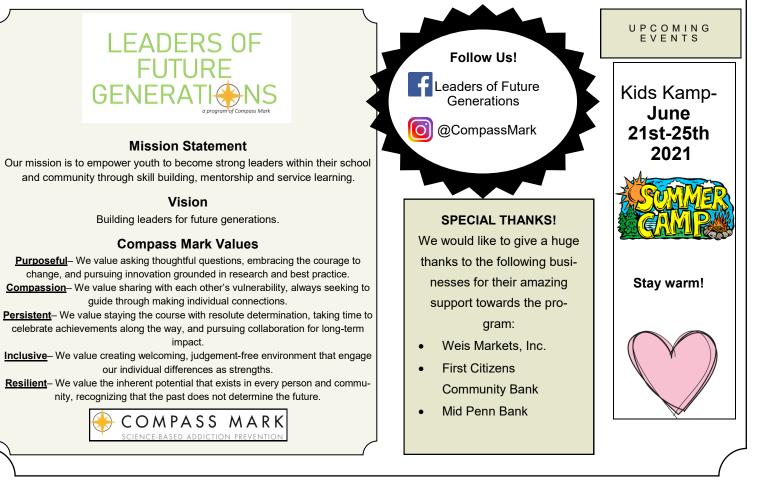
## Meet Alex!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Alex is one of our Mentors on our Landis Run LFG team. Alex enjoys all kinds of sports, and he hopes to be either a construction work-



er or athletic director in the future! One of Alex's favorite movies is *Thunderstruck*, and his favorite animal is dogs. His favorite food is shrimp alfredo, and he enjoys history class the most at school. Another interesting fact about Alex is that his favorite vacation spot is Massanutten Resort in Virginia. Alex sees that he holds powerful leadership qualities including kindness, taking charge, being a challenger, and being corrective. One of Alex's goals for being an LFG mentor is to become more fluent when talking with other people.



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