

Anna Kaehr



Anna loves science experiments and hands-on activities, but never thought that she would enjoy scientific research... until she joined miRcore volunteering and GIDAS club. She was amazed with the applications of genetic research, and has been an active member ever since. What excites her most about miRcore is exploring present-day genetic research and collaborating with students from many different schools.

In addition to science, Anna is passionate about music and nature. She plays cello in the Skyline high school symphony orchestra and is a member of the Skyline Volunteer Music Club, which plays at various venues in the community. Anna is also a part of the Skyline swim

team and in her free time, she enjoys biking, jogging, skiing, and playing tennis.

Annaliese Bangert

Hi my name is Annaliese Bangert.

I am a junior at Pinckney Community High School and this is my second year volunteering with MiRcore.

My major interest is science, so learning these research strategies from MiRcore will definitely help me with my career in the future.

Currently, I am on the varsity soccer team and play year round as well. In addition, I am involved in Student Government as well as Class Council in my school.

I enjoy spending time with my friends and reading in my free time. My other hobbies include making soap, crafts, and walking my dogs.

I'd like to thank my parents for introducing me to my first MiRcore camp and always pushing me to do my best.



Elizabeth Woelmer



Elizabeth is a senior at Milan High School. This is her third year as a miRcore volunteer. She learned about miRcore at the 2013 Computational Biology Camp. After this, she was given the opportunity to start a GIDAS (Genes in Disease and Symptoms) club at her school. Since then, she has attended the 2014 R Programming Camp and the 2014 and 2015 GIDAS Research Conference. She was a TA for the 2015 Computational Biology camp this year. Attending miRcore sessions every weekend has really sparked her interest in biology and genetics.

In addition to her miRcore activities, she has been involved in many activities in her school and community. She was a member of the Milan Girl's Varsity Golf team in the fall. She also served as secretary on the senior class executive board for Student Council this year. She is a member of the National Honor Society.

Outside of school, Elizabeth serves on the Milan Youth Council, which is a city-run organization that strives to allow youth to be more involved in city government and activities. The experience has allowed her to contribute to city planning, become more involved in civic events, and become more connected to the community. She has served as the secretary of the Youth Council for three years.

She spends most of her time in her school's drama program, where she has been involved in shows such as *Oklahoma!*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Guys and Dolls*, and *Once Upon a Mattress*. One of her greatest passions is music, so she enjoys singing in her school's chamber choir and playing trumpet in the wind ensemble. She has performed in the MSVMA Regional Honors Choir, SSAA State Honors Choir, and the SATB State Honors Choir. She sang with the All-State Honors Choir this year for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival.

Elizabeth will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall as a student of the college of Literature, Science, and the Arts. She is interested in studying biology.

Halla Kabat



I am Halla Kabat, a junior at Huron High School. There are many things that I enjoy in life, some of which include playing cello and reading. I play the cello at school and in a youth orchestra at the University of Michigan. When I first started cello I disliked it very much, but I am now a firm believer that it is the best instrument. I have been very busy this year with school work and extracurricular activities, so I have not had much time to read on my own. However, I just read a very good book for school that I strongly recommend: *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey. Another hobby of mine is tennis, though I am not very good at it. Nonetheless, it is a fun sport that I take part in at school.

This year with miRcore has been fun and educational. It was a treat getting to work with real data and learning to analyze it in a way that could one day make a difference in

people's lives. At this point, learning the process of doing the research is making more of a difference in our lives than anyone else's, but I look forward to the day that the roles reverse.

Hannah Lee



My name is Hannah Lee, a sophomore at Huron High School. I am a part of the miRcore volunteer club, as well as Huron's GIDAS club. I joined miRcore last year after attending a week long summer camp taught by Dr. Lee. I've always found biology to be intriguing, which is why I joined. It was fun meeting others who were also passionate about science.

In addition, I've been practicing Tae Kwon Do ever since I was six years old and play cello in the symphony orchestra at my school. In the fall, I ran on the cross country team.

I thank Dr. Lee for working very hard to teach all of us and am looking forward to next year!