

Vanessa Nguyen-CABE Student Leadership Award

Vanessa Nguyen is a current 8th Grade student at Derby Middle School. Vanessa is a valued member of the Derby School's community, and she is highly involved in activities inside and outside of our school. Vanessa has a passion for education and helping others. She is the founding member of the Peer Tutoring Club. After briefly learning about this topic, she engaged in further research of the learning process, thus creating this club to meet the needs of all students. Her dedication to academic excellence is also reflected in her personal achievement of being a high honors student. Not only does she tutor students who are struggling, but she also delegates responsibility to her group of tutor's, assigning small groups and keeping track of the efficacy of these partnerships. Vanessa is part of the "On Board" crew, which is a collective group of students that helps transitioning 6th graders feel more comfortable and secure as they enter into our middle school. She is an active member of Student Council, which entails making decisions on school based initiatives and completing various charitable projects and fundraisers. As a member of the Student Council, Vanessa was elected as treasurer, trusted with handling the money and profits for these charitable events. In addition to her work in academics, Vanessa is a valued member of Derby Middle School's Running Club, which competes in track and cross country events. In her spare time, she also enjoys other team sports such as playing basketball. An avid music lover, Vanessa has studied playing the flute for four years and playing the piano for over seven years. She is an active member of her church, where she sings. Her future aspirations include studying computer science and artificial intelligence, with the hope of becoming a natural language processing scientist.