

Dear Ms. Murphy and Washington State Board of Directors,

My name is Iris Ta and I am currently a sophomore at Camas High School in Camas, WA. I transferred schools in November of 2020 so I was not fortunate enough to join my school's Science Olympiad program until this year. But this year, I have competed in almost every competition that was held as well as learned so much from the events I am a part of which includes forensics, write it, code it, anatomy and physiology and codebusters. Being a part of Science Olympiad has helped me make new friends alongside trying out new things.

I grew up being in higher math classes which started my interest in being in the stem field. Initially, I wanted to be a doctor, but after watching horror movies with blood in them, I instantly knew that the medical field was not where I wanted to end up, but I still have a growing fascination for learning about the human body. After being a part of Science Olympiad and trying out all different types of stem classes at my school, I have realized that computer science and electrical engineering seems to fit my interests perfectly. Science Olympiad has helped me realize what areas of the stem field I find interesting since codebusters and write it, code it, even though it is a trial event, are my favorite events I participate in as well as the ones I do the best in. Before this year, I really could not understand what I wanted to do when I grew up but the events Science Olympiad offers as well as guidance from the team's coach, Mr. Chase, has helped set me up for a bright future.

If elected as Board of Directors Student Advisor, I hope to give my position and outlook as a student to better help those around me. I would love to be able to help the organization that has helped me figure out what I want to do when I grow up.

Sincerely,

Iris Ta

