

People are akin to flowers. They are born just as seeds are planted and grow as individuals. They develop just as flowers blossom into all the colors of the rainbow with their beauty. Then, as a person dreams a goal, they plant an idea that can travel just as a seed would make its way through the wind and sky. And this seed travels until another flower blooms, and another, and another, until the world is alight with beautiful unique flowers and the ideas that each have brought with them.

Builders Club has built an environment of unique individuals that I am proud to be a part of. As a member of this family, I've befriended those with dreams to save our environment and those who intend to take the medical world by storm. I'm lucky enough for the opportunity to be in their presence and grow along with them.

Members are able to unite the school through their ideas, just as we did last year when Builder's Club worked with the Start With Hello program to encourage students to build new friendships and feel welcome within our school.

As Vice President, I can bring my own ideas to the club and encourage other students to do the same. I am able to incorporate creativity within our projects and largely impact my school in doing so.

In September, I coordinated with our school's guidance counselors to participate in the National Suicide Prevention Week. I communicated with members with similar passions in order to make morning announcements, help find resources, and promote discussions about mental health around the school. Many members participated by making encouraging pieces of art to share school-wide.

In November, I worked with members to raise awareness for our Thanksgiving food drive. Members used their art and ideas to decorate posters and boxes to collect food. Each person had a vision of how they wanted to promote our drive, and working with them allowed me to merge their ideas into a creative and very successful project.

Builders Club gives members the opportunity to connect and contribute to ongoing causes. For multiple years, we've hosted fundraisers for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, raising more than five-thousand dollars in total for their organization. We've also worked with a local veteran home to create cards for every holiday and carol for them during the winter season. Builders Club teaches us to form bonds with different foundations, and with that, it has allowed me to take leadership responsibility, contribute to fundraisers and use art and music to brighten people's day.

Being a member of Builders Club means encouraging other's passions and ideas. Builders Club has given me a platform to raise awareness about causes I feel strongly about. If people are like flowers, then Builders Club would be a garden. Each plant unique, with space and encouragement to grow as people. I'm proud that our differences and unique ideas encourage each other and complement one another's growth, overall brightening our community.