

TEENS TACKLING CANCER



Dear Saint James Community,

My name is Ashley Hall and I attended Saint James from Kindergarten through eighth grade. I graduated from Saint James in 2020. During my years at Saint James, I was an altar server at Saint James church, a royal ambassador, Vice President of Student Counsel, and I assisted with the summer camps sponsored by SJS. I volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House, Best Day Foundation and Lunch Break. I also played sports, participated in the school play, and I attended and participated most extra-curricular activities. Needless to say, Saint James inspired in me community service and community involvement. I am currently a sophomore at Trinity Hall, and I have embarked on my most ambitious service mission yet.

I was nominated by a former Saint James graduate, Oliver Pangilinan ('16), to be a candidate for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Students of the Year competition. For seven weeks, starting January 26th, high school students will be raising awareness of the research, programs, and advocacy being conducted through LLS, in addition to raising funds to support their mission to cure blood cancers. The student who raises the most money for LLS will be named Student of Year, but more importantly, through this competition, LLS will receive donations that will be used to find cures and develop new treatments for blood cancers. The research done by LLS has also been used to find treatments for other forms of cancers and sadly most people, including myself, know someone who has been touched by cancer. My target goal is to raise \$100,000. You heard me correctly, \$100,000!

This competition is also a Leadership Development Program. I have formed a team to assist me with my mission and my team's name is Teens Tackling Cancer. My team is raising money by contacting friends, families, our schools, our sports communities, our church communities and through various local fundraising events. I have also been challenged to speak with influential business leaders to request larger corporate donations. I never thought at 15 years old, I would be scheduling meetings with companies to

request charitable donations, but through this program I have had conducted several meetings and successfully raised money.

I am now asking my Saint James community to be part of my team. Please support my campaign by participating in the school dress down, by directly donating to my campaign through my fundraising page: <https://events.lls.org/snj/southjerseysoy22/ahall5>, make a donation directly to me and by following my campaign Instagram @teenstacklingcancer to participate in local events. Please help me raise the most money possible for LLS and be named Student of the Year.

Sincerely,

Ashley Hall ('20)