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2025



**ANNA
WILLMANN**

Fort Worth Chapter
Class of 2026



“When I first began my journey at Como Community Center, I was a shy seventh grader who was so excited to spend time with sweet kindergarteners after school. I would go multiple times a week with the hopes of reaching 100 hours, but my time at Como quickly shifted from a method to earn hours into relationships and friendships that I will cherish for my entire life. The biggest piece of advice I have for fellow Ticktockers is to find what you love, and then serve with your whole heart.”



AVA JOELLE SCHELIN

Preston Bluebonnet Chapter
Class of 2025



“This year, I’ve gone beyond volunteering by raising awareness and funds for Rainbow Days. As President of the Plano West Theatre troupe, I suggested we support Rainbow Days as our chosen philanthropy for the year. We focused on their Camp Bravo program, which helps kids build confidence through performing arts. With four performances, more than 1,000 people learned about Rainbow Days, and we raised over \$2,000 for their programs.”



AVERY KONG

Rancho Irvine Chapter
Class of 2029



“Although I’ve been involved with NCL for only two years, it has changed my perspective in ways that go beyond volunteering. I’ve learned the importance of empathy. Working with people from diverse backgrounds, I’ve realized how easy it is to make assumptions about others based on appearances or circumstances. After listening and understanding their stories, I appreciate their experiences and challenges. This has taught me that empathy isn’t just a trait, but a skill I strive to practice daily.”



**CAITLIN
KIM**

Fullerton Chapter
Class of 2025



“My service in NCL has shown me the importance of advocating for ambitious change by being a bold leader. NCL has given me countless opportunities to redefine the traditional ways in which we serve by emphasizing the growth of the collective community. Through “All the Arts for All the Kids,” my favorite philanthropy, I have made meaningful connections that led me to creating an inclusive arts curriculum for neurodivergent students in an immersive summer camp. This camp was the culmination of many caring community members, especially my NCL sisters.”



CHLOE ALDOUS

Summit County Chapter
Class of 2026



“When I first joined NCL in 2019, it was daunting. I didn’t have any friends joining and I didn’t know any older girls in the chapter. Throughout my 5 years in NCL, I have learned that first impressions are not always correct, and sometimes neither is the second. Getting to know a person is a task that can take anywhere from months to years, There are girls in my chapter who I have known for a long time, but have not become good friends with until recently. These friendships blossomed because NCL has allowed me to dedicate the time to getting to know people on a deeper level and learning that forging real relationships takes time and effort.”

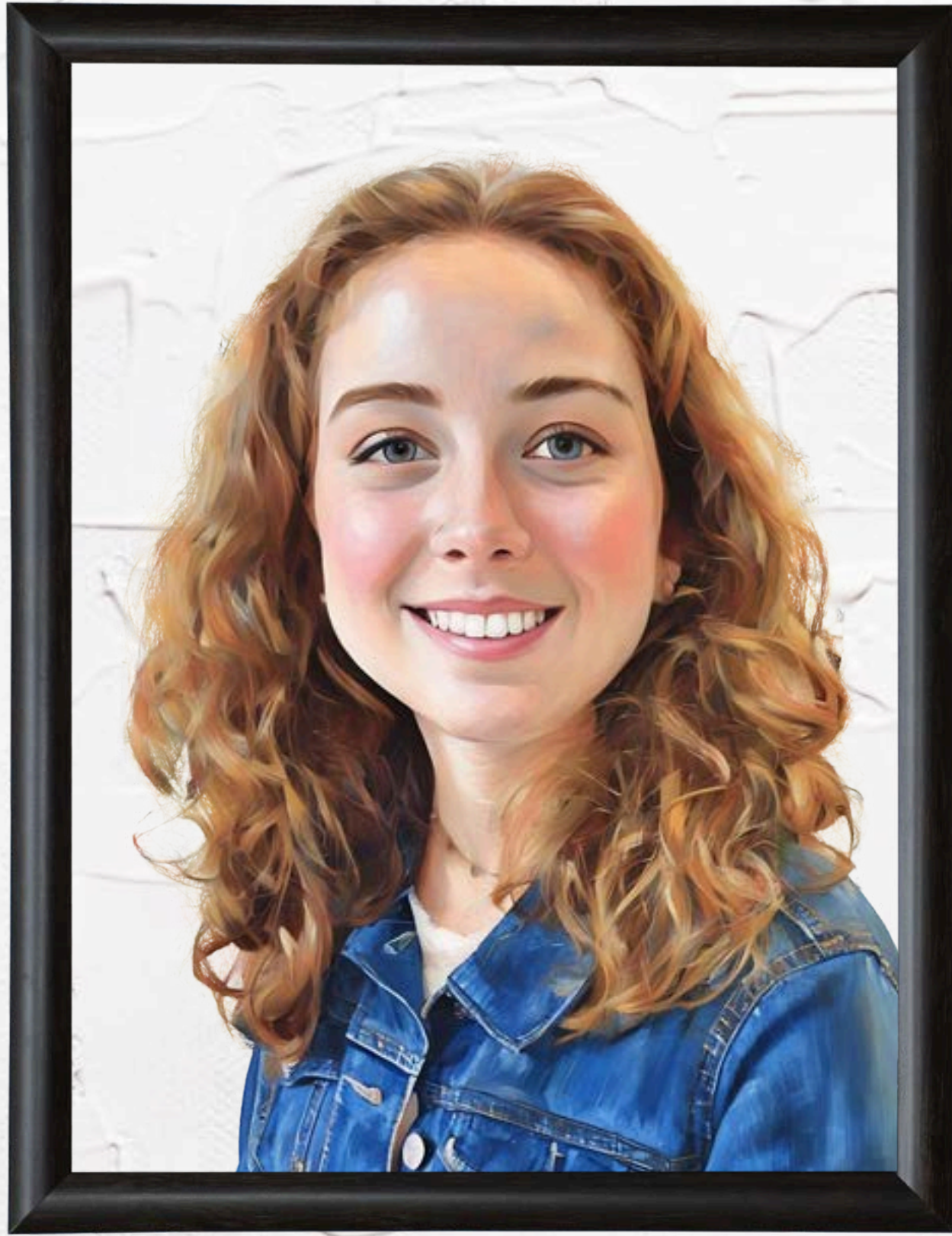


GRACEEVANGELINE CHAVEZ

Whittier Chapter
Class of 2027



“In the past year, I have sought to make a meaningful difference beyond my regular volunteer hours. Drawing from my passion for musical theater and what I’ve learned at the La Habra Boys and Girls club, I’ve created engaging activities and plays for kids. This not only fosters their imaginative growth but also encourages them to explore creative outlets beyond the confines of electronics.”



HOLLY COLLINS

Port City Chapter
Class of 2025



“ I serve as my grade level president and I have worked hard and partnered with my Ticktocker board to create a culture and set an intention to make more room for group discussions that enable and empower all voices to be heard. Before each meeting, we ask our group members to think of their favorite philanthropies and fun social outings and share them during our meeting in a group huddle. That way, every girl has a chance to have their voice heard and advocate for the ideas most important to them. With that mix of vulnerability and strength, Ticktockers are bonded together.”



KALYN MCLEOD

Ahwatukee Foothills Chapter
Class of 2025



“Heart health is incredibly important to me, as I have a complete heart block, having my first heart surgery at age six. As a Teen of Impact for the American Heart Association, I used this passion to spread awareness all throughout my community, as well as raising over \$10,000 for the association. During this campaign, I hosted and led a hands-only CPR class for my NCL chapter, and will be doing the same this year.”



KATHERYN SEGLER

Las Vegas Chapter
Class of 2025



“Every summer, the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation's Camp Cartwheel brings normalcy to children fighting terminal illnesses. For the past two years I have been lucky enough to be a member of their social media team and I have been an activity counselor. Taking photos has always been a passion of mine, and having the opportunity to capture the magic moments makes this philanthropy my favorite.”



KAYLA CHEW

Rolling Hills Chapter
Class of 2025

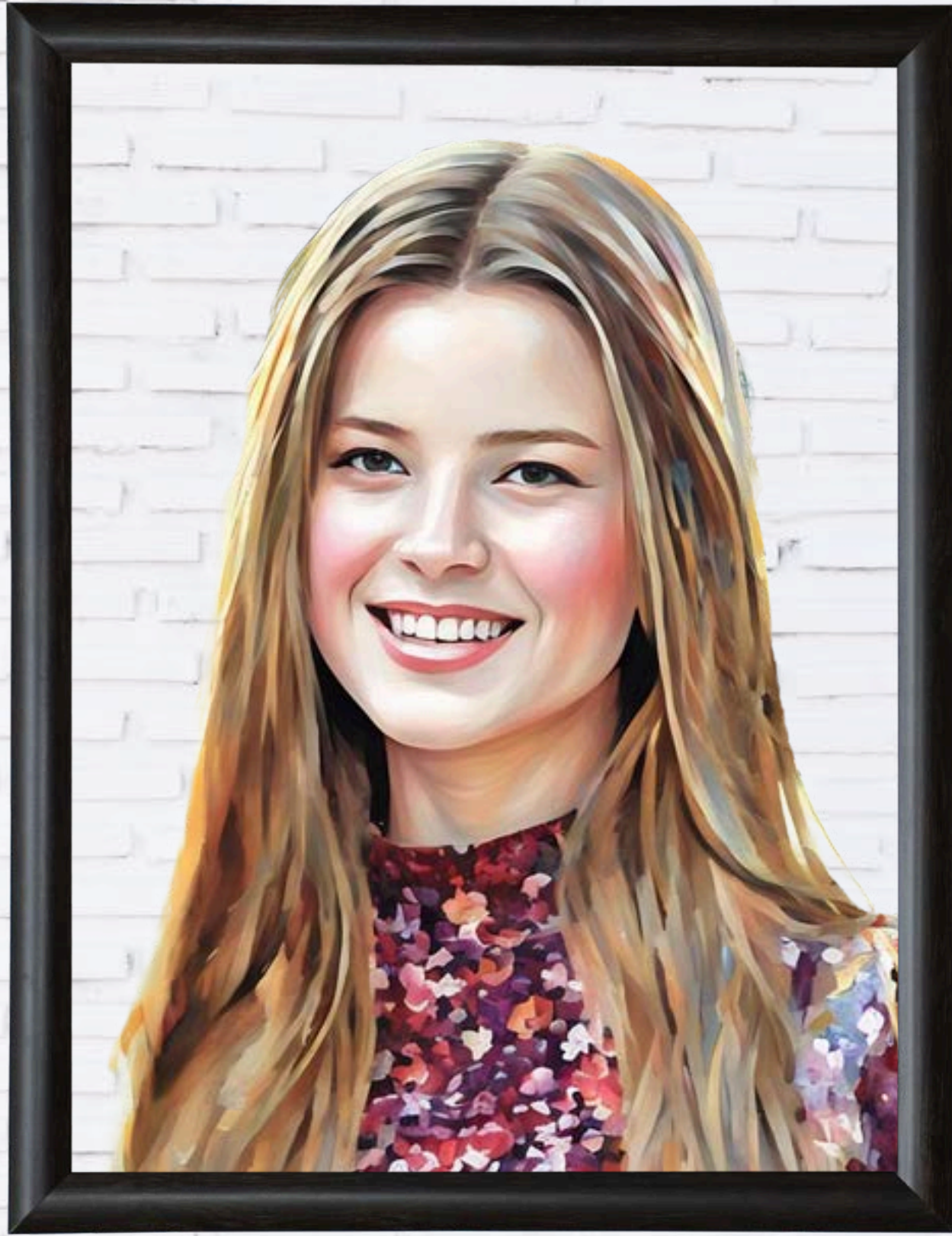


“Ordinary people like me have the power to make big contributions with the resources given by NCL. As someone with an autoimmune disease, I found myself particularly drawn to the Nephrotic Syndrome Foundation (NSF). I decided to take on an internship position. I began with entry-level opportunities, but before I knew it, I was doing things such as reviewing and editing databases and designing pages for their website. Being part of the support system is what encourages me to continue my support with NSF.”



LAUREN WHITMARSH

Austin360 Chapter
Class of 2026



“I really believe in the power of small contributions multiplied by many. My experiences with NCL inspired me to create a supply drive at my school to benefit the charities they have partnerships with. In March, we sent out teams of students and teachers to orphanages, after-school programs, and food banks from the Philippines to mountains of Appalachia and places in between.”



MARISSA BUCHEK

Alamo Chapter
Class of 2026



“NCL has taught me how important it is to be a leader in the community. I have loved being a member of my class's board and participating in committees for the last five years. At the beginning of the year, I made a goal for my class to be united. I was so fortunate to be president that year because I was able to set a precedent. My class now always looks forward to seeing each other and everyone can have an enjoyable experience.”



NOLA DAVIDSON

South Bay Chapter
Class of 2027



“NCL has taught me a variety of valuable lessons such as compassion, empathy, and independence. Through “Our Village” philanthropy, I learned compassion for kids with mental disabilities, through Sunrise Senior Center I learned compassion by talking with and hearing the stories of seniors. I gained empathy by seeing underprivileged schools. Finally, NCL has taught me independence through meetings, board positions, and I have learned how to use my voice to help and lead others.”



SARAH LANGE

Cypress Gems Chapter
Class of 2027



“NCL has taught me the importance of using my voice to advocate for those who cannot and to educate my peers—and even adults—about opportunities to make a difference. One of my proudest accomplishments was initiating a partnership with a new charity for our chapter. I collaborated with the charity’s leadership and our VP of Philanthropy to present the idea to our chapter board, which unanimously approved it.”



SEHVA FAULKNER

Treaty Oak Chapter
Class of 2026

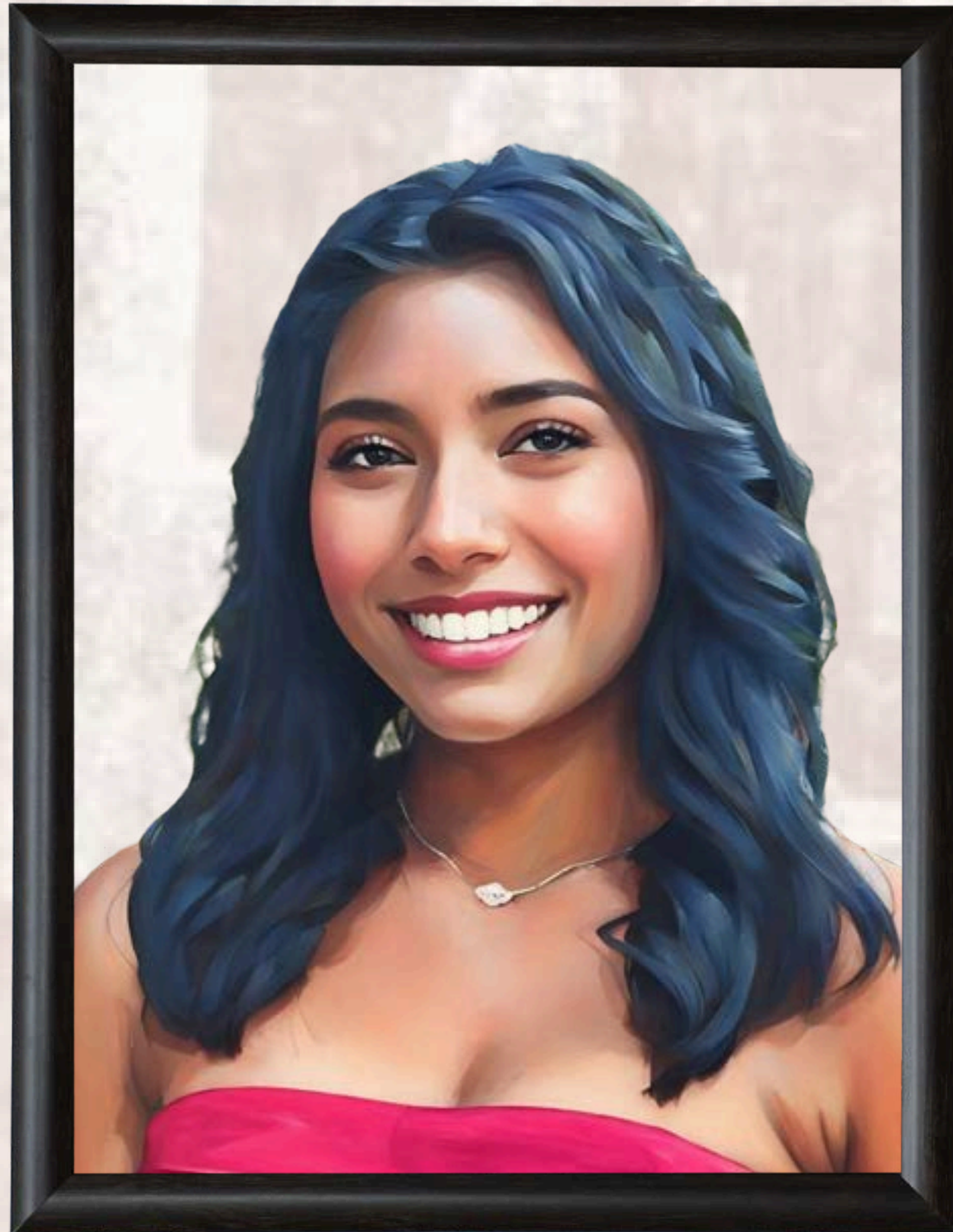


“My favorite philanthropy is Austin Sunshine Camps (ASC). While volunteering with ASC, I noticed how some of the campers weren’t as eager to play with other kids and volunteers. This inspired me to develop a theater curriculum for ASC with a focus on fostering confidence and community in the form of improv and acting practice. I plan to work closely on cultivating a safe space for them to be their authentic selves.”



**SIVANI
SUBRAMANIAN**

Fort Worth Trailblazers Chapter
Class of 2027



“My favorite philanthropy is ACEing Autism. When I first started volunteering, my main goal was to get some hours while playing tennis, but the kids quickly grew on me. Over the past year, I’ve dedicated over 48 hours to the program. I traveled to Dallas to work with behavioral therapists to better serve the kids and I also became the first Head of Delegations for the Fort Worth Chapter.”



SOFLA SHAH

Orchard Valley Chapter
Class of 2026



“Through NCL, I learned the most valuable lesson: youth actions matter and can create real change. The confidence I gained from leading NCL projects helped me stand before our city council to explain my candidacy for our town’s Youth Commission. What started as nervously presenting my qualifications has grown into serving as Chair and helping develop a statewide curriculum for youth commissions across California. NCL taught me to not only participate in my community, but to help transform it.”



THRISHA SUKESH

Fort Worth Trailblazers Chapter
Class of 2027



“NCL has taught me about leadership and about creating meaningful social connections. As a board member for three of my four years at NCL, I’ve made it my mission to create an inclusive and supportive environment. I reach out to new members and welcome them. During meetings, I scan the room, checking that everyone feels engaged and included in our activities. I create small group discussions including girls from different schools, and I make sure to keep a positive atmosphere where members feel valued.”

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