



Layla Newsome
November Student of the Month
Talton K. Stone Middle School

Layla is a great example of what a Panther should be. She is an All A/B Honor Roll student and participates in a variety of activities including volleyball and cheer at the middle school and high school as well as volleyball at Elizabethtown Volleyball Academy. Layla is also a teen ambassador for Sources of Strength, which focuses on improving the learning environment for students.

Sports have taught Layla the huge impact that coaches and mentors can have on others. Layla says she likes Sources of Strength because she gets to be a mentor and help the school go in a positive direction. She feels that the younger students will have a more positive school experience as a result.

Layla has a lot of role models, but one she would like to recognize is Jessica Smallwood because she was a leader on the team and made the younger players feel more welcomed and connected. She hopes that she can play a similar role with the younger players this year.

Layla's future goals are to play one of her sports in college. If she cheers in college, she wants to go to UK. If she plays volleyball, she wants to play at Louisville. Eventually she would like to become a travel nurse or travel veterinarian.

Layla always has a smile on her face and a positive attitude when she comes into class. Layla has a kind heart and a gentleness about her that is unique. She is always willing to help others and strives to be the best at everything she does. -Ms. Weaver

Layla is continuously one of the hardest workers in the room and will always ask for help when she can't figure something out on her own. -Mr. Appelman

Layla is an absolute pleasure to have in class this year. Her wit, and humor always keep me on my toes. -Mr. Paden

Layla shows kindness to all of her peers and is always willing to lend a helping hand to others with a ready smile. -Mr. Lynn