

Stella Goff

Education

Upper Arlington High School, Senior
GPA 4.04

2025 Graduation

Involvement and Extracurricular Activities

- Editor In Chief, Upper Arlington High School Newsmagazine, *Arlingtonian*, 2024-25
 - Managed and mentored a staff of journalists from brainstorming to distribution as well as planning, designing, and launching a new website.
 - Revival of the publication's podcast and YouTube, in addition to the previously-used Instagram (1.6K followers).
 - Orchestration and management of over \$20,000 in expenditures for printed issues and various fundraisers, advertisements, donations, and collaborations with local businesses and families.
 - Navigating through difficult conversations of deadlines, sensitive content, expectations, and cultural concerns.
 - Overseeing staff to make sure they hold up the code of ethics while also managing a variety of personalities and learning styles in the classroom each day.
 - Cultivating relationships with administration, community members, and the school population to build relationships and remain well-versed in news and stories within the community.
- Student Council Representative, 2021-2025
 - Promoting a positive school climate with events like our end-of-school picnic, adopt-a-family holiday program, change-to-make-a-change annual fundraiser, staff luncheons, and much more.
 - Brainstorming and selecting a theme for the annual Homecoming Dance as well as spirit day ideas for the week prior.
 - In 2024, nearly \$40,000 (1,300 tickets) was raised to fund events throughout the year, allowing for the approval of club grants and hosting community events.
- Social Network Chair of Student Council, 2024-2025
 - Promotion of school activities and announcements through social media.
 - Providing resources to students and staff regarding Veterans Day events, homecoming, upcoming fundraisers, and future events.
 - Speaking at Upper Arlington Board of Education meetings to report on the effectiveness of the district strategic plan, school climate, and student morale.

- Member of National Honor Society, 2024 & 2025
- Sports Manager, Upper Arlington High School Newsmagazine, 2023-24
 - OSMA Award for Excellent Newsmagazine Package.
 - OSMA Award for Second Place Overall Newsmagazine.
 - OSMA Award for Excellent General Feature: “[A Helping Hand](#)”, a piece about the Upper Arlington Fire Department U.A. C.A.R.E.S. Program and its impact on those in need within the community.
 - OSMA Award for Excellent Sports Coverage/News: “[Coaches, Captains, and Culture](#)”, a dive into how a team’s culture is curated and its correlation to success.
 - OSMA Award for Excellent Sports Feature: “[Fall Sports Legacy: Marv Moorehead](#)” and “[Fall Sports Legacy: Jack Nicklaus](#)”, a look into the history and impact of successful alumni and their contributions to our fall sports programs.
 - OSMA Award for Excellent Newsmagazine Feature Layout x2: “[Fall Sports Legacy: Marv Moorehead](#)” and “[Fall Sports Legacy: Jack Nicklaus](#)”, a look into the history and impact of successful alumni and their contributions to our fall sports programs.
 - OSMA Award for Excellent Newsmagazine Sports Page Layout: “[Fall Sports Legacy: Marv Moorehead](#)” and “[Fall Sports Legacy: Jack Nicklaus](#)”, a look into the history and impact of successful alumni and their contributions to our fall sports programs.
 - OSMA Award for Honorable Mention Newsmagazine Sports Page Layout: “[Fall Sports at a Glance](#)”
 - Additional articles: https://arlingtonian.com/staff_name/stella-goff/.
 - Print Portfolio available through portfolio link on profile.
- Upper Arlington High School Varsity Softball Player, 2021-25
 - Lead practice & liftings during the preseason as an upperclassman.
 - Coach and assist in the annual youth softball camp during the summer for elementary-middle school girls.
 - Annual trip during spring break for training to prepare for a season of 30+ games.
- Completion of Leadership Upper Arlington High School Program, 2022
 - Upper Arlington Community Foundation program to engage and inspire current and emerging leaders to take an active, effective role in their community.
 - Leadership UA creates connections, motivates change, and fosters community philanthropy to strengthen Upper Arlington.
 - Participants gain impactful insights to build their personal and professional leadership skills, build confidence and growth through networking and education, increase their civic community involvement, and become difference makers to the City of Upper Arlington.

- Completion of Leadership Cohort Curriculum, 2022-23
 - Curriculum developed by John Carroll University professors in conjunction with the Vice President for strategy and director of Leadership Cleveland for the Cleveland Leadership Center.
 - The mission, vision, and values of the Upper Arlington School District were explored, discussed, and analyzed by students.
 - Students explored how the school's mission, vision, and values intersected with their own values and were challenged to find ways where they, as leaders, could work to build a better community.
- Completion of the National Student Leadership Conference on Forensic Science, 2023 (American University)
 - Student scholars were selected to participate from across the U.S. and more than 70 countries based on academic excellence, extracurricular involvement, and demonstrated leadership ability.
 - During the 9-day program, scholars spend time developing core values, improving their understanding of leadership skills, engaging in critical analysis, and working to communicate with a diverse group of leaders effectively.
 - Scholars attend:
 - Seminars, activities, and discussions on leadership development. (16 hours)
 - Briefings and guest speakers include a digital forensics expert from the Baltimore Police Department, as well as a crime analyst and Supervisory Special Agent from the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit. (5 hours)
 - Navigating trips and tours around Washington D.C., including a trip to the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters. (7 hours)
 - Learning from professionals in the forensic science field through hands-on skills labs, demonstrations, autopsies, and lectures. (14 hours)
 - Working on Crime Scene Investigation simulations, including a mock crime scene and a mock trial presentation with a small, diverse group of leaders. (16 hours)

Volunteer Experience

- Recipient of the President Volunteer Service Award, 2022-25
- Sixth Grade Camp Counselor, 2023 & 2024
 - High school applicants who are accepted to be camp counselors for 6th-grade camp in the fall will guide campers through hands-on learning experiences, encourage cabin bonding and collaboration, and be responsible for campers overnight and during all activities. (3 days)
- L.I.F.E. Guard for First Community Church's Camp Akita, 2022-25

- L.I.F.E. Guard is a unique service-learning experience available for high school students who will devote 7 to 12 days per session serving the camp, campers, and God.
- The acronym L.I.F.E. means "Last Is First Eternal" and comes from Matthew 19:30, "But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first." This verse is a reminder of the spirit behind the work performed by this group.
- By doing much of the behind-the-scenes work that enables camp to run so smoothly for the campers, the participants learn how to give of themselves without seeking any credit or praise.
- Junior Counselor for First Community Church's 1...2...3...Akita!, 2021 & 2024-25
 - Guiding 1st-3rd graders in learning about other cultures and First Community Church's Mission Trip locations. Jr.Counselors help to guide campers as they learn about faith and how worshiping looks different in various parts of the world.