



Chi

Former Head of Boarding

Chi is a recent graduate from the Class of 2022. She served as the Head of Boarding, working with adults and other student leaders, to coordinate community events across campus and create positive growth within our close-knit community.

Madeira provides all students with the opportunity and the support to become leaders (“Girls rule” isn’t just a saying here!)– whether that means captaining a sports team, heading a student-run club, or even simply leading by example. Students develop skills, build compassion, gain responsibility – and prepare to change the world.

Fun Fact: Madeira was the first school in Washington, D.C. to have a student government. Even more interesting, our founder, Lucy Madeira, established the student government 14 years before women in the U.S. earned the right to vote!



Sophia

Sophia is a senior day student from Centreville, VA. She plays tennis and is a member of our e-sports team. Like many of our returning students, Sophia has been a SWING sister for a new student.

Electives: Research Seminar, Engineering and Invention Lab

Madeira has many traditions. A favorite is the tradition of “SWING” (Students Welcoming In New Girls). A SWING sister helps facilitate an easy transition for incoming students by reaching out over the summer, answering questions, and generally helping new students feel at home. They are a welcoming presence, a deep well of “insider knowledge,” a listening ear – and just one of many resources available to new students so that they can succeed in their first year at Madeira.

Volunteering to be a SWING sister has been really rewarding. It’s been fun to get to know my SWING sister and see how her first year at Madeira is going. I enjoy connecting with her and planning hangout times with our whole SWING family.



Saanvi

Saanvi is a senior day student from Sterling, VA. She has played volleyball, danced it up in Zumba classes, and published content for *Gate* magazine for literature and the arts.

Electives: Capitalism & Its Critics, Mindfulness & The Brain, Research Seminar

Gate, Madeira's student-led magazine for literature and the arts, showcases works of student art and writing with the goal of promoting self-expression and individuality.

The magazine provides a means by which talented Madeira authors and artists can share their work, bringing people together through a shared love of literature and art. Submissions often provoke interesting ideas and discussions for their readers and push students out of their comfort zones in surprising, sophisticated ways.