

MEET MS. MADESYN:

Right before Girls Inc. was closed for COVID-19, Ms. Madesyn had initiated a new weekly incentive program in her Girls Inc. classroom. One girl would be selected who completed the week's goal. The last week there, the goal was engagement, which asked the girls to be active and focused during their session with Ms. Madesyn.

When Ms. Madesyn gave the girl her candy cane reward during the last week, the selected recipient was shocked to be chosen. It was at this moment that Ms. Madesyn said she felt the difference she was making for her girls.



“That’s when I realized that some of my girls may not get that encouragement elsewhere, and it felt great to know that I was able to give them that,” she said.

Since teaching virtual programming, Ms. Madesyn has been working to channel the girls’ energy into the topics related to the national Girls Inc. curriculum.

“I know the programming I make helps other girls their age use that restlessness and energy productively,” she said.

While only at Girls Inc. for six months, Ms. Madesyn has helped not only the girls with a program on cybersecurity, but she has also provided the administrative team several technology tips to make working remotely easier.

As a college student, Ms. Madesyn said that she has told several classmates about volunteer opportunities at Girls Inc. where they can come as guest speakers or can come routinely to help with homework or other campus programs.

Ms. Madesyn enjoys teaching arts and crafts the most, especially since she is an artist for her summer job, and she often shares her art with her girls.



“I have a lot of girls in my class who want to do art and enjoy making up these wonderful stories and drawings, and I want to help create that,” she said.

Ms. Madesyn is proud to be part of Girls Inc.

“I was looking for a job where I would be able to help kids and make a difference, when I was referred by a family friend who had been involved with Girls Inc. in the past,” she said. “I fell in love with what they did as soon as I looked into how they helped the community.”