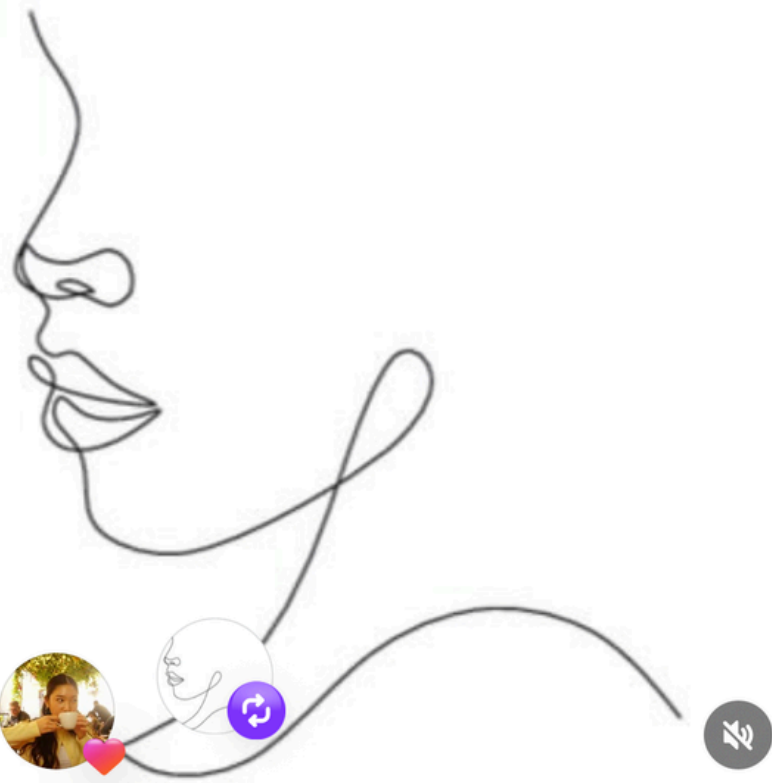




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iacompetitions To kick off Women's History Month, what better way to celebrate than shining a light on two amazing young advocates for girls in quiz bowl.

Kaitlyn and Julia Leonard, students at Barrington High School, founded Advocacy for Girls in Quizbowl three years ago to address the lack of female participation and the perception of a "boys club" in quiz bowl. They are focusing on mentorship and building a supportive community to prevent girls from dropping off, particularly during the transition from middle school to high school. The organization emphasizes encouraging quieter players to speak up in a safe, nurturing space. The duo has led meetings at national quiz bowl championships across the country, and helped set an amazing example for our organization to listen to our players. They have helped us to see that we need to make sure our competitions are welcoming to all, and make a welcome and safe space at our National Championships with our Girls Who Quiz events.

The Girls Who Quiz meet ups give our students safe spaces to not only share their stories, but to meet others who, like them, love to play in buzzer competitions and shine!

Our Varsity and Junior Varsity National Championships Girls Who Quiz Meet and Greet will be Saturday, April 25th from 11am to Noon.

For our Elementary and Middle School National Championships, Girls Who Quiz will have a couple meet up times to accommodate the block schedule: Friday, May 22nd from 9:30am to 11am, and then 12:45pm to 1:30pm.

We want to congratulate and thank Kaitlyn and Julia for being so bright and using their light to show us what we need to do to make quiz bowl inclusive.

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