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Ella is a Girl Scout Senior and has been a Girl Scout member for nine years. Ella completed the Silver and Bronze Awards, and she is working toward completing the Gold and Silver Trefoil Awards. Ella recently completed an internship at the Virginia State Capitol in the House of Delegates Page Program, working with the Delegates, Legislative Committees, and Clerk's Office to assist with the daily operations of the 162nd Virginia General Assembly.

She has held several volunteer positions and participated in activities in her community, including volunteering for various community engagement events and site enhancement projects with the Armed Forces Retirement Home, Washington, DC, 2013-present; serving as Statewide Vice President, American Legion Junior Auxiliary of Virginia, engaging with senior Auxiliary leadership to develop programs to engage youth in assisting veterans and their families across the state, 2021-present; serving as the Lake Braddock Principal's Cabinet Committee Co-Chair for Health, Safety and Security, as a liaison between students and the administration on policy initiatives, 2021-present; and volunteering to encourage voter turnout initiatives for national, state, and local elections with Get Out the Vote non-partisan voter mobilization drives, 2018-present. Ella competes as a member of the Lake Braddock Forensics Team and in the Odyssey of the Mind creative problem-solving competition, reaching the World Finals multiple times.

She is the co-founder and owner of Ridgway Environmental Services, an outdoor and invasive species management company since 2017, and serves as an academic tutor for elementary and middle school students, 2019-present.