



# Payton Dymek

## *Use Your Voice Platform*

After her internship as the head sports broadcaster for Vietnamese Arizona American Television, Payton's passion and appreciation for journalism grew, inspiring her Gold Award project. To address gender biases in English language classrooms, and the perception of women in journalism, Payton created a website containing free lessons to learn about the journalism field, such as writing, broadcasting and other forms of media. Beyond Arizona, she was able to reach students in other states such as California, Georgia, North Carolina, Texas, Illinois, and New York. She also had students from South Africa engage with her project. After 12 years of Girl Scouting, Payton plans to expand her skillset and pursue a career in journalism, marketing and communications.