



# ALAYSHIA BRIDGES

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Philadelphia, PA

**Provides School and Community Leadership**

Alayshia serves on Philadelphia's *Community School Committee*, a project started by Mayor Jim Kenney where schools provide support services in their underserved neighborhoods. Alayshia's most notable contribution to this project was creating a ***Community School Closet*** at her school. Similar to a thrift store, the "Closet" offers clothing and other merchandise to families in need, but everything is completely free. Alayshia helped build the space from the ground up, including decorating the room, stocking the shelves and even planning a fashion show. Her positive attitude has helped make her school a more welcoming place for all students. She has also represented the *Community School Committee* outside of school by speaking at press conferences alongside the Mayor.



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