

with great
power...

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?



I think that **TALKING TO ANIMALS** would be such a fun way to learn new perspectives about the world. I also find inspo from 'Sofia the First.'

Violet McKay ('29)



My dream superpower was **ROLEPLAYING** because roleplaying makes me feel free.

Andreas Bauer ('29)



"I sew the majority of the clothes I wear," Eleanor Wriedt (Science) said.

Henry Stenzel
Patrick Sullivan
Kasheng Thao
Ayyaano Tufaa



Max Vradenburg
Humphrey Wagner
Scout Wainwright
Quinn Wall



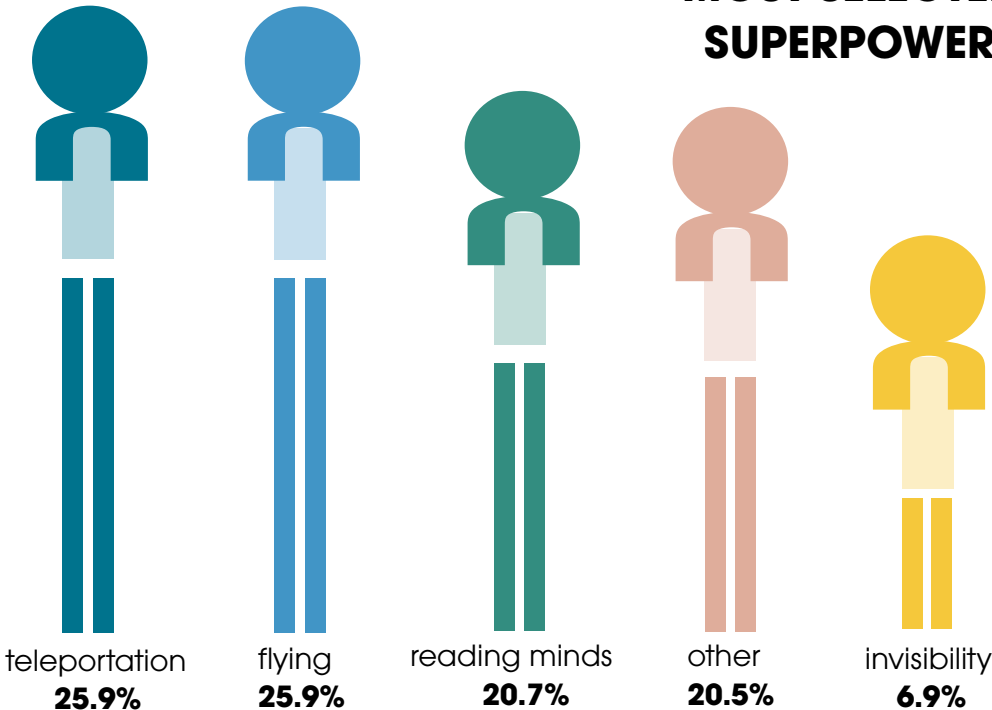
Felix Warren
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MOST SELECTED
SUPERPOWERS



Talking gymnastics
ups & downs
with Addy Gordon

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It's the gymnastics state competition. 14 year old Addy Gordon, finished all four of her events: vault, bars, beam and floor. The long minutes came and went while she waited for the other competitors to perform their routines.

Her heart was pounding.
She wanted to win.
The scores came in slowly, and while Gordon's score still held first place, she was nervous: someone could beat her.
But they didn't
Addy Gordon finished first.

"My coach ran over to me and was really excited, because it was a state meet," she said.
All her teammates were excited; all were cheering for her. "I was really happy because I worked so hard," Gordon said.
After a season during the summer to focus on trying new things, called upgrade season, Gordon used September through December to polish and prepare routines, and after hours of practice just focusing on gymnastics, all of her work paid off.
That work started early. Gordon has taken gymnastics classes since she was 4 years old. From 2015-2019, when she was at Spirit Gymnastics, were gym free years, when Gordon would tumble on her own and long for training while maintaining basic skills. Then came the switch to Midwest Gymnastics where she started mastering her skills with her hardcore coaches.

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Another stop in time was injury. This year gymnastics had taken a turn.
At the end of March she was doing a tumbling pass, a series of flips and twists. She ran, she had done the start of this routine many times before. Gordon was just practicing, focusing on only her next turn, but then she fell. It was all in slow motion but in a blink of an eye. Gordon had landed on her knee, and fractured her growth plate, to the point where Gordon couldn't do gymnastics, she had to heal. Gordon wanted to quit, but she knew she was stronger than that.

"I love gymnastics at the good times, but then you have to learn to love it at the bad times," Gordon said.
A decade of competition, years when it hasn't always been up. After four months of healing time, being in pain and watching from the sidelines, she recovered from her injury and went straight into gymnastics. It was hard coming back into a sport when you haven't touched a bar, vault, or a beam in months.
"I'm not going to quit that easily," Gordon said.
That's love. A sport that reminds her again and again what it means to commit.
Gordon was ready to get back on the competition floor in January, full of the thrill that she has grown to love. Gordon's heart, pounding with the adrenaline of not knowing how the scores will be but knowing that she will do good, even after stepping away for four months, there will always be a decade of work deep within her.



FROM THE MAT TO THE PLATFORM. Scenes from Addy Gordon's gymnastics journey. SUBMITTED PHOTOS: Addy Gordon