

Good morning!

Hello UCLA Tarjan Center!



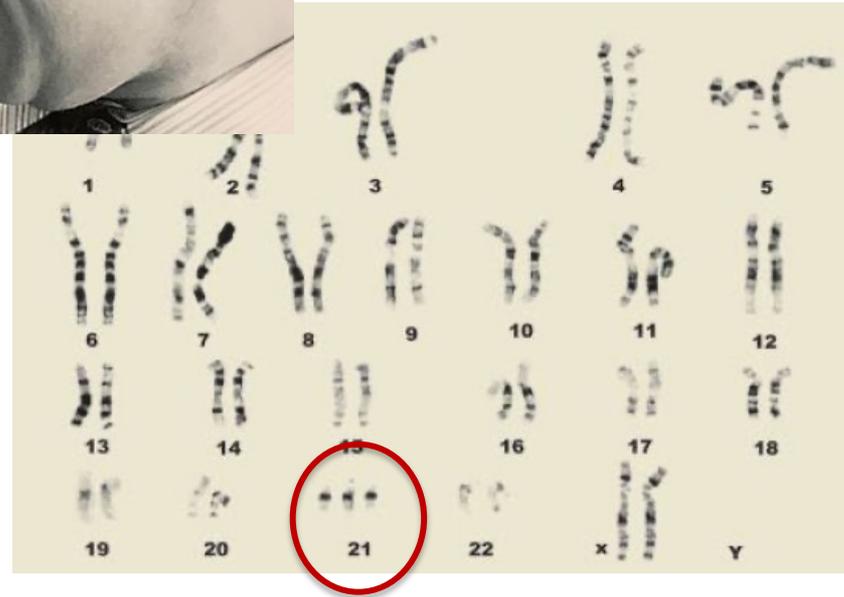
Meet Kayla



Kayla McKeon

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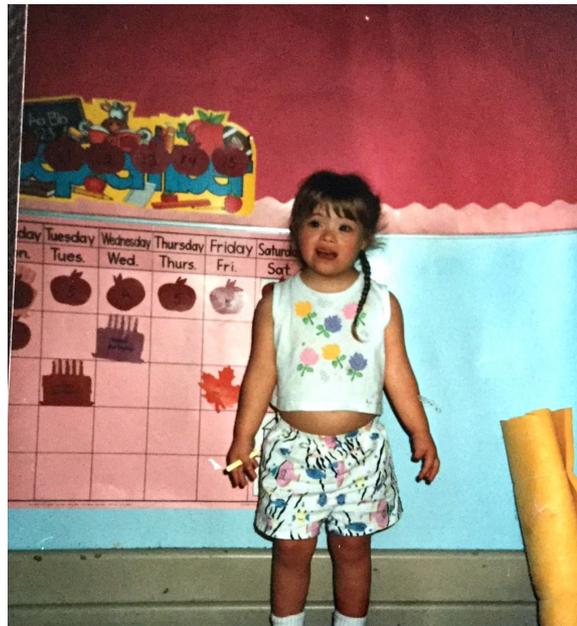
What is Down syndrome?



My (Very) Early Years



My School Years



Special Olympics



My School Years



Public Speaking



My Work Experiences

I love to work!



My Start in Advocacy



NDSS Mission and Vision

NDSS Mission: The National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) empowers individuals with Down syndrome and their families by driving policy change, providing resources, engaging with local communities, and shifting public perceptions.

NDSS Vision: The National Down Syndrome Society envisions a world in which all individuals with Down syndrome are assured their human rights and valued by a more inclusive society.

The first registered lobbyist with Down syndrome!



By STEVE HARTMAN | CBS NEWS | August 10, 2018, 6:55 PM

Meet the high-powered Washington lobbyist with Down syndrome

NDSS Manager of Grassroots Advocacy

- I am on the Policy & Advocacy team
- I get to travel for my job, usually!
- I work with the best staff ever!
- I get equal pay for equal work!



Lobbying



Federal Policy Issues

Issues I am working on:

- Transformation to Competitive Integrated Employment Act
- Charlotte Woodward Organ Transplant Discrimination Prevention Act
- SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act
- The Inclusion of the Down syndrome community in Alzheimer's initiatives



Take action with NDSS!

<https://www.ndss.org/ndss-advocacy-alerts>



The first Barbie with Down syndrome



What is advocacy?

"To me, it means sharing your voice and being able to tell your personal story. Your personal story is what matters the most because this is what separates you from others. Your story is unique to you."

YOU can be an advocate!



Connect with me!

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<https://www.ndss.org>
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Thank you! Questions?