



Haley McDonald is a Grade 9 student of Avoca Collegiate. Her teachers have described her as a natural leader because of her desire to be involved in all aspects of school activities. She is the president of her school council. In this role, Haley helps organize school events and fund raisers, and also assists in emceeding school events for public presentations.

Haley is the co-captain of the Avoca Bombers girls' basketball team. She helped her team bring home a gold medal at the Gord Blundon Invitation in Gander, the Lefty's Pizzeria Invitational in Grand Falls-Windsor and the Avoca Collegiate Jr. Girls Invitational at home. Haley often gives her teammates pep talks before tournaments, encouraging everyone to play their best but have fun, and always uses the phrase, "we win as a team...we lose as a team!"

Haley helped to organize and participates weekly in a mentoring program at her school where Grades K-4 students are taught the concepts and rules of basketball in preparation for joining the school's basketball team in Grade 5.

Haley is also involved in local church youth programs. She has attended Steubenville Atlantic in Halifax in 2016, as well as, YC Newfoundland and Labrador in Gander in 2015 and St. John's in 2016. These are Christian youth conferences designed for junior high, high school and young adult students. Haley also participates in community based sports programs whenever they are available.