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# ALAINA BARLOCK

Alaina Barlock is a 17-year-old student who is a dedicated advocate for anti-bullying initiatives and awareness. A survivor of childhood bullying herself, Alaina aims to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for our region's children through two main initiatives – her nonprofit Alaina's Power Up Project and her school's SPARK (Spreading Positivity and Reinforcing Kindness) club.

Alaina is the founder of Alaina's Power Up Project, a nonprofit designed to inspire young children to discover their individuality and uniqueness to rise above bullying, achieve self-confidence and become empowered forces. Through her outreach and her self-developed website and blog, she has taken her message to classrooms across the region, reaching over 12 schools and thousands of students. Similarly, Alaina is also the founder of Bishop Canevin High School's SPARK club, where she encourages her fellow students to be positive leaders within the school community.

Alaina's anti-bullying advocacy has attracted both regional and national attention, including an invitation to the 2023 World Anti-Bullying Forum, where she spoke on a panel about her story, mission and nonprofit outreach.

In addition to her anti-bullying work, Alaina competes in pageants. She's won Miss Teen Pennsylvania International went on to Nationals where she was crowned Miss Teen International 2023.

