

Ava Tsapatsaris



Ava Tsapatsaris is a rising sophomore at New York University. She is designing her own major focused on the Public Understanding of Science, Medicine and Health at the Gallatin School of Individualized Studies. As a reporter for the nationally syndicated TV program Teen Kids News, she recognizes the importance of communication in promoting human health and scientific understanding.

She is the founder of Uniting Against Breast Cancer, a 501(c)(3) non-profit aiming to inform New Yorkers about free or low-cost breast cancer screening opportunities in their borough. She is the top fundraiser to build the Loukoumi Make a Difference Foundation Treatment Room, a dual literary and treatment room at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee where patients can learn and receive treatment simultaneously.

In March, she was awarded the maximum grant amount from the The Gallatin Undergraduate Research Fund to identify the microbial communities in various New York City subway environments, investigate the speed at which these communities change, as well identify public health implications under the mentorship of a scientist at NYU Langone Division of Environmental Medicine. This summer, she will be conducting research at Regeneron as a part of the VelocImmune (VI) Next Group.

In the future, she aims to pursue a medical degree and dedicate her career to promoting patient well-being.