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*In the essay she wrote, "I have been asked by a coach to be a leader". I like to be a role model to younger kids. When I was younger, I would look up to other kids and follow by example. Now I can be that for someone else. And that's a big responsibility!*