

**Business Owner:** Hayden Hopkins is only in her second year of middle school but that doesn't stop her from having her own online business. When asked is she's ever had trouble running the business she responded "Yes, because it's kind of hard if people say no to carrying your products or buying products. Dealing with all the money is a shock to be introduced to have to work quickly."



**Actor:** Seventh-grader Luca Rodriguez is an actor who started lessons when he was 9. "When I started it was a small thing. ... It's hard because I like school, and my agent and my manager keep saying come out to LA, and pilot season is in the school year." He has appeared in movies, including one on Hulu, and in commercials. "Acting is fun, but I like to do it. It gives you money; acting is something I can look forward to in life."



**Film student director:** Keira Beich is an 8th who directs short films. "Over the summer I do a short film camp. My movie was about feeling invisible, and how you're not alone in that. A challenge was having only a couple days to edit. I was inspired by someone's personal experience. People didn't always allow me to present my whole vision, or whole script. A tip I would give to others for filmmaking would be to put yourself out there, share your ideas, and don't feel like you need to be a professional to have a good idea or show art through film. Short films motivate me and it boosts my confidence when you get to create a vision and share it with others and bring people together," she said.



# CAN'T HOLD US BACK

## Students pursue unique interests

Can't Hold Us Back describes Euclid's student body. Whether they are competing in a sport, achieving in academics or being creative outside of school, Falcons are achieving their goals.

"We chose this theme because it's the best phrase we could use to represent Euclid this year," said Emilia Martinez, one of this year's editors.

Students notice how their peers demonstrate this phrase each day

"I think they do, especially students who struggle at learning. Student shows their perseverance when it is important" said Elsa Beck, an editor and Student Council president.

Every student at Euclid succeeds in different ways throughout their day to day lives. Elements reporters and editors have handpicked a few of the many students from around the school that demonstrate perseverance and excellence.

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**Competitive Hockey Player:** Cooper Caby, 8, is busy but he makes time for his favorite sport, hockey. "It's improved my life because it is a great way to spend my time and helps me and I'm surrounded by role models." Still, he said there are challenges. "I've had to miss a lot of school days for travel; I'm always having to catch up on missing assignments." Cooper said the hardest part about hockey is "the physicality; I'm one of the smallest kids on my team, which makes it harder to hit people."



**Language Whiz:** Stella Anthamatten, 6, is a student who speaks not one, not two, but three different languages. "It was kind of hard at first to speak all three languages. At home we try to speak Polish as much as possible, but in school I talked in English most of the time, and I somewhat lost my ability to speak Korean. I moved when I was 3, my mom's parents were Polish and she wanted to speak Polish; my sister does too."



**Competitive fencer:** William Thompson is a 7th grader with a passion for a very unique sport. "Fencing sounded interesting because sword fighting with other people seemed fun. I really like sports that are quick. When I was younger and inexperienced I felt like quitting because I saw people that were better than me." William started fencing last year. "Fencing made me more interested in other sports and helped me branch out, is also helped me interest other people in sports."

*"I sometimes feel held back by that fact that I learn differently than others, but realizing how I learn has helped me be more successful in school."*

- Keira Beich, 8