

Madalyn Mote, a junior Early/Elementary Childhood Education major with double Dance minors, organized and executed a Be the Match registry drive on campus in Fall of 2021. Be the Match is a registry dedicated to helping people find their stem cell/bone marrow match. People who are in need of stem cells are those who are diagnosed with blood cancers and disorders. Madalyn was called to donate to her brother after he was diagnosed with Severe Aplastic Anemia in May of 2016.

There is only a 25% chance that Madalyn could have been a match. After getting swabbed in the inside of her cheek, she found out she was a perfect match for her little brother. Since donating, Madalyn has been able to advocate about Be The Match on campus through the Honors College. After having a chat with Dr. Hilton, the Director of the Honors College, she started organizing the drive. She was able to get 50 new people on the registry and it was a success!

