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Allison Tu is the founder of StAMINA, the Student Alliance for Mental Health Innovation and Action—a student-driven advocacy and action group focused on combating Kentucky’s youth mental health crisis. Currently a junior at duPont Manual High School in Louisville, KY, Allison’s commitment to harnessing the power of student enterprise extends, beyond healthcare, into the arenas of education and public policy. She is a member of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence’s Student Voice Team, an ambassador for the national Student Voice organization, and the Executive Director of STEMY (STEM + Youth)— a student-run non-profit that, through innovative workshops, publications, and programs, promotes STEM education across the community by breaking down barriers and engaging students of all backgrounds. A STEM-focused student herself, Allison is also an accomplished policy debater who, as a sophomore, led her Kentucky team to the global finals of the 2017 International Public Policy Foundation tournament. An avid contributor to public policy conversations, her op-eds have appeared in a variety of publications, including the Lexington Herald Leader and Medium.com.