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Shelby Craig has her sights on the future.

Despite her blindness, Shelby still spends summers at space camp, reads books, and bikes. The Wando High School junior recently switched from an adult tricycle to a tandem bike with a pilot to spin through races around the Lowcountry, including a recent James Island Connector Run to benefit the Gavalas-Kolanko Foundation. Through the nonprofit, she supports those with physical disabilities, their college dreams and their intended career paths. Her own path includes college and a career teaching Braille or music, or pursuing musical therapy. “When I was riding the bike I felt free and independent, like I could conquer the world.” In the meantime, Shelby’s conquering local classrooms with a self-designed reading and literacy program to promote reading and inspire children, both sighted and blind, to read. And when she’s not biking bridges, she considers any challenges “mountains to climb or doors to go through.”