



St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau

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Two SLC Ambassadors Selected to Attend National Service-Learning Conference in Minnesota

Canton, NY – Two outstanding Teen Ambassadors from St. Lawrence County, Kaitlyn Holmes, a sophomore at HC Williams High, and Anya Bansal, a freshman at Potsdam Central School, have been selected to attend the 36th Annual National Service-Learning Conference in Saint Paul, Minnesota, from March 27-29, 2025. Accompanied by Alexa Backus Chase, Director of the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau, the Ambassadors will represent the county at this prestigious gathering of young leaders, educators, and nonprofit professionals from across the country.

The St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau received a full \$3,167 scholarship from Youth as Solutions through the National Youth Leadership Council to support their participation. This award recognizes the Ambassadors' outstanding contributions to teen safe driving initiatives in St. Lawrence County, a project that has gained national attention for its youth-led advocacy and impact on community safety.

The conference theme, "The Next Chapter: Intention, Impact, Equity," will guide discussions and workshops focused on meaningful service-learning and youth-driven change. Angiolina and Anya will engage in interactive sessions, keynote presentations, and networking opportunities with youth leaders from around the country, strengthening their leadership and advocacy skills.

"This is an incredible opportunity for Angiolina and Anya to expand their leadership experience on a national level," said Alexa Backus Chase, Director of the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau. "Their dedication to youth advocacy and safe driving initiatives has already made a significant impact locally, and I have no doubt they will bring back valuable knowledge and inspiration to further their efforts in St. Lawrence County."

Both Teen Ambassadors have demonstrated strong commitment to youth leadership and advocacy. Their participation in the conference will not only enhance their skills but also allow them to share the work they have done in St. Lawrence County with a broader audience.



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"I'm really excited to attend the Service Learning conference in St. Paul. This event provides an opportunity to connect with passionate teens who share a commitment to making a difference in their communities. I look forward to engaging in meaningful discussions, sharing innovative ideas, and learning from the experiences of other teens. I can't wait to bring back valuable insights that will inspire our efforts moving forward," said Anya Bansal, SLC Ambassador and freshman at Potsdam Central.

The St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau continues to empower young people by providing meaningful leadership opportunities and advocating for youth-driven solutions to community challenges.

For more information about the Youth Bureau or becoming an Ambassador, please contact Alexa Backus Chase at 315-379-9464 or email ACHase@stlawco.gov.

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