

# Youth Committee Agenda



**Chairman-** Anya Bansal  
**Vice Chairman-** Kaitlyn Holmes  
**Secretary-** Sarvesh Sitaraman  
**Team Engagement Leaders -** Prudence Cutwa & Stanley LaFave  
**YC Liaison to the Youth Advisory Board-** Elif Cetinkaya  
**NYS Youth Council Chair-** TBA  
**Youth as Solutions Team Leaders-** Prudence, Stanley, Sarvesh



**Sunday, October 19th, 2025**

**2:30 pm IN PERSON**

**INVITED:**

## Shared Google Drive

- Please update before meeting starts
- In the 2025-2026 School Year Folder-
  - Monthly agendas, meeting minutes, and flyers

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## Welcome

Welcome Nevaeh Plotnick and Emmalyn Silsby!

***We are glad you are here!***

Introduce yourselves by stating name, grade, school, & your favorite **Halloween candy!**

## Attendance and Call to Order

## Vests!



## Updates

- Forms
  - **Code of Conduct/Photo Release/Bio Data**
    - **FOUR** Ambassadors have required paperwork to turn into Ken. Let's wrap this up!
- **Youth Committee Podcasts**
  - Discussion
    - Counts toward participation
    - Topic ideas-must be on a community health, youth voice, current event, or civic engagement topic AND approved by Alexa ahead of time
    - Speakers-At least ONE ADULT *and/or* TWO other Teens
    - Podcast must be 15 minutes or longer for credit
    - Mini microphones and phone stand available at the Youth Bureau
    - Frequency recommendation-**Quarterly**
      - **QTR** (July, Aug, Sept) **QTR** (Oct, Nov, Dec) **QTR** (Jan, Feb, Mar) **QTR** (Apr, May, June)
    - **Podcast Suggestions**
      - **Potsdam Police Department for Suicide Prevention**
        - Lieutenant Corbin Gates-Shult, Sergeant Charles Daniels, and Officer Kyle Fink were presented with Life-Saving Awards following a July 8, 2025 incident in the Village of Potsdam. The officers responded to a report of a suicidal subject on the Sandstone Drive Bridge. Acting at great personal risk, they intervened to prevent the individual from falling into the river and, together, pulled her back to safety. The award was given in recognition of their extraordinary courage, decisive action, and unwavering commitment to the preservation of human life.
        - **Ty, Ben, and Jeffery have taken the lead on this.**
        - Any other suggestions?



Anya Bansal-Potsdam
Elif Centinkaya-Clarkson University
Prudence Cutwa- Lisbon
Stanley LaFave-Heuvelton
Kaitlyn Holmes-Canton
Sarvesh Sitaraman-Potsdam
Ben Weaver- Madrid Waddington
Cayne Trimm-Ogdensburg
Kaitlyn Redfern-Canton
Tyree Hawkins-Madrid Waddington
Annabel Curtis-Ogdensburg
Ziya Lu-Potsdam
Olivia Rice-Morristown
Easton Willard-Morristown
Mairin King-Heuvelton
Jeffery Palma-Edwards Knox
Leah Pike-Ogdensburg
Rose Cox- Gouverneur
Phebe Grandy-Madrid Waddington
Maddy Young-Madrid Waddington
Ryder Liscum-Heuvelton
Sage Smith-Heuvelton
Nevaeh Plotnick-Clifton Fine
Emmalyn Silsby-Clifton Fine

## SafeTALK Training

- Must be at least 15 years of age
- **8 Ambassadors** completed safeTALK on Wednesday August 27<sup>th</sup>
  - This counted toward an activity and service hours
- **Two Classes** are currently scheduled in October-
  - **Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 3:00-6:00 pm**
  - **Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7:30 pm**
  - Both classes will be held in this room (the upstairs conference room of the Human Services Building)
  - If you didn't participate in the August safeTALK class, and you are 15 years of age or older, please consider attending
  - Ambassadors, please promote these two classes and drive registration and attendance. Bring a friend (or two!)
    - Especially from these school districts: **Canton, Potsdam, Lisbon, Hermon-DeKalb, Heuvelton, Colton-Pierrepont, Madrid-Waddington, and Norwood-Norfolk.**
  - Please let your school know that we can offer a class at the school either a weekday after school hours or on the weekend.
    - Please let me know if your school is interested and provide a school contact
    - Use the material in the safeTALK marketing folder you have in your Google Drive
      - Access to flyers, letters, and announcements.

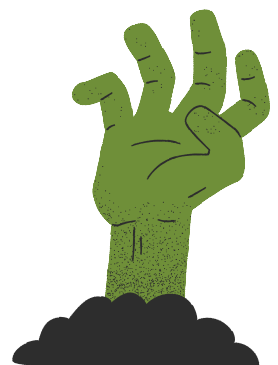
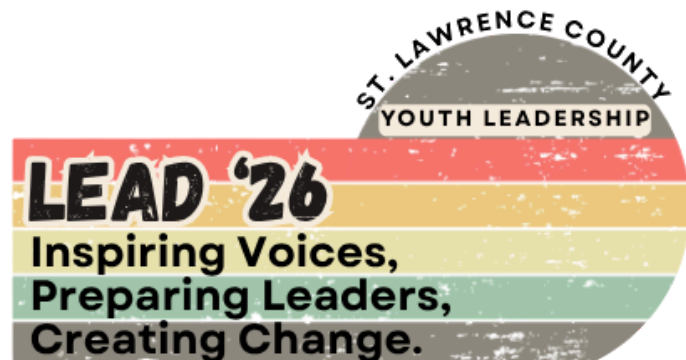


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- Who is participated?
- Feedback

## Civic Engagement Service Project

- **When: January, February, March meetings**
  - Day and time?
- **Youth Engagement Day in April**
- **Who: High School Students**
- **When:**
  - Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 3:00-4:30 pm
  - Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 3:00-4:30 pm
  - Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 3:00-4:30 pm.
  - Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 3:00-4:30 pm
  - **Youth Engagement Day: Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**
    - Time? 7:00 pm?
- **Where:**
  - Upstairs conference room Human Services Building Canton
- **Speakers**
  - **Isaiah Santiago-Jan and April**
  - Motivational Speakers
- **WINNING LOGO-LEAD '26**
  - **Inspiring Voices, Preparing Leaders, Creating Change**
- **Recruitment**
  - Flyers and letters to come soon



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## Gratitude & Kindness Campaign

- **World Kindness Day** Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>
- **Kindness Week**- November 10<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Let's highlight the power of gratitude
- ***What are you thankful for?***
- Posters with QR codes



## Ambassador (Monthly) Spotlights for YB Newsletter

Monthly Spotlight Ambassadors will submit:

📷 **A photo of themselves that we will use in the newsletter**

✍️ **Answers to the following 5 questions:**

- Name, School, and Grade
- Career Interests – What careers excite you or inspire you?
- Future Plans – What colleges, trades, or training programs are you interested in attending?
- School Pride – Share one thing you love about your school!
- Teen Ambassador Experience – Why did you choose to be a Teen Ambassador and how has it grown you as a student (or person?)
- If you could offer one tip or suggestion to a peer, what would it be?

Schedule:

October newsletter-Canton and Morristown (deadline 9/30)

**November newsletter**-Madrid-Waddington and Lisbon (deadline 10/31)

December newsletter-Potsdam and Gouverneur (deadline 11/30)

January newsletter-Ogdensburg and Edwards-Knox (deadline 12/31)

February newsletter-Heuvelton (deadline 1/31)

March newsletter-Clifton-Fine (deadline 2/28)

April newsletter-To be determined

May newsletter-Senior Spotlights (we will spotlight our graduating Ambassadors)

June newsletter-Senior Spotlights continued

Our Youth Committee's  
Shared Google Drive:

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# SCHEDULE

## November

**Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm

**Virtual on Zoom**

## December

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

2:30 pm

**IN PERSON**