



Youth Committee Agenda

Chairman- Anant Bansal
Co-Chairman-Angiolina Hukovic
Secretary- Anya Bansal
Membership Co-Coordinators -Elif Cetinkaya & Anya Bansal
NYS Youth Council Chair-Elif Cetinkaya
Youth as Solutions Team Leaders-Nina, Prudence, Anya



Sunday, May 18th, 2025 **4:00 pm VIRTUAL** **INVITED:**

Shared Google Drive

- Please update before meeting starts
- 2024-2025 Meeting and Event Calendar
- In the 2024-2025 School Year Folder-
 - Monthly agendas, meeting minutes, and flyers

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Welcome

Introduce yourself, your school, grade, and name something that you feel very deeply about; it could be something at school, in your community or home, a health topic, a social issue, or even something happening in the world or in politics. There's no right or wrong answer, just share what matters most to you.

Welcome guests! We are excited to have you here!

Invited Guests:

- Deacon Hazelton 9th @ Heuvelton
- Mairin King 8th @ Heuvelton
- Keirra Knox 9th @ Edwards Knox
- Jeffrey Palma 9th @ Edwards Knox
- Emma Kennedy 9th @ Lisbon
- Taylor Barney 10th @ Lisbon
- Leah Pike 8th @ OFA
- Marquise O'Leary 11th @ Norwood-Norfolk
- Rose Cox 10th @ Gouverneur
- Finn Daggett 9th Deep Root
- Oliva LaRue @ Heuvelton

Attendance and Call to Order

Youth As Solutions Service Project-Teen Safe Driving

- Three Team Leaders-Prudence, Nina, and Anya
 - Next (FINAL) Monthly Check-In
 - **Tuesday, May 20th 6:30-7:30 pm EST**
- **753 Pledges!!** Excellent work!
- Showcase Video (3 mins) and Final Report was submitted on 5/14 (Due 5/15)
- Thank you Anya and Anant for work on the showcase video!

SHOWCASE VIDEO:



St. Lawrence County DFC Coalition (PEACE)

- **Nina and Elif**
- Next meeting **Thursday, May 22nd at 3 pm** **REMINDER**

Anant Bansal-Clarkson School
Elif Centinkaya-Clarkson School
Prudence Cutwa-Lisbon
Annabel Curtis-Ogdensburg
Kaitlyn Holmes-Canton
Kaitlyn Redfern-Canton
Ben Weaver Madrid-Waddington
Cayne Trimm-Ogdensburg
Anya Bansal-Potsdam
Tyree Hawkins-Madrid-Waddington
Angiolina Hukovic-Morristown
Dino Hukovic-Morristown
Alivia Sochia-Clarkson School
Stanley LaFave-Heuvelton
Ezriah Edwards-Potsdam
Mia Jeneault-Ogdensburg
Sage Smith-Heuvelton
Andrew Shippee-Hermon DeKalb
Oliva Rice-Morristown
Easton Willard-Morristown
Sarvesh Sitaraman-Potsdam
Maddy Young-Madrid Waddington
Aidin Sochia-Parishville Hopkinton
Ziya Lu-Potsdam

Ambassador End of Year Reflection Survey Findings from April

Goal for the Youth Committee: To be a committee where every teen feels valued, supported, and empowered to lead.

Growth as Leaders

- Most of you said you experienced significant or some growth this year, especially in leadership, communication, and stepping out of your comfort zones.
- Many of you gained confidence in public speaking, teamwork, and advocating for change.

Team Engagement

- Over half of you felt highly engaged, while a few shared that participation was a challenge at times.
- Barriers included busy schedules, unclear expectations, or others not contributing equally.

Initiatives You Supported Most

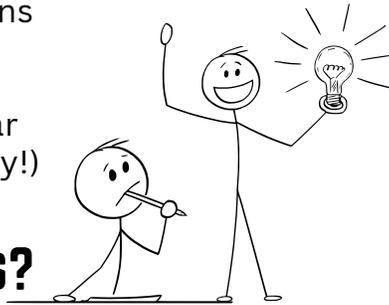
- Teen Safe Driving Initiative (13 participated)
- Albany Youth Leadership Forum (9 attended)
- Five Hour Free from Social Media Friday, Mental Health Events, and Community Service Projects also saw strong participation.

What You Told Us About Teamwork

- Many of you said our group is supportive and collaborative, but uneven participation can be frustrating.
- You want clearer expectations, more ways to hold each other accountable, and better recognition for everyone's contributions

Looking Ahead

- 6 Ambassadors plan to return next year
- 7 of you are graduating high school (yay!)



THOUGHTS AND KEY TAKE-AWAYS?

Youth Committee Board Positions (5 Openings) for the 2025-2026 School Year

✔ Youth Committee Board Interest Checklist

If you are interested in a board position for the 2025–2026 school year, please complete the following:

- Write one paragraph explaining why you're interested in a YC board position
- State which position interests you most. (Note: this isn't a guarantee)
- Include examples of what you've helped with or accomplished this past year on the YC
- Be sure your paragraph shows why you'd be a good fit for a leadership role
- Submit your paragraph by **Sunday, June 1st**
- Email your paragraph to Alexa Chase AChase@stlawco.gov

Youth Committee Chair

The Youth Committee Chair serves as the lead student representative of the Teen Ambassador Program. The Chair is responsible for helping set meeting agendas, facilitating monthly meetings, guiding discussions, and ensuring that all members have a voice. They work closely with Youth Bureau staff to provide input on youth-led initiatives, represent the program at local and state events, and serve as a spokesperson when needed. The Chair leads by example, promotes collaboration, and helps keep the committee focused on its goals.

Youth Committee Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair supports the Chair in all leadership duties and steps in to lead meetings or events when the Chair is unavailable. This role includes assisting with meeting preparation, tracking participation, and encouraging engagement among Ambassadors. The Vice Chair helps maintain momentum on service projects, shares announcements and reminders, and plays a key role in strengthening team communication and involvement.

Youth Committee Secretary

The Youth Committee Secretary is responsible for maintaining accurate records of the Youth Committee's activities and supporting communication within the group. This Ambassador takes meeting notes, records attendance, and helps organize and distribute agendas, minutes, and important reminders. The Secretary ensures that all members stay informed and that records are kept up to date for Youth Bureau staff and leadership review.

Additional responsibilities may include assisting with email communication, tracking committee deadlines or action items, and helping to document service project progress and Ambassador participation. The Secretary plays a vital role in supporting organization, follow-through, and accountability within the committee.

Team Engagement Leader

The Team Engagement Leader is a peer leadership role designed to enhance participation and accountability among Teen Ambassadors, particularly in support of youth-led service projects through the Youth as Solutions (YAS) initiative. This Ambassador helps ensure project goals are met by promoting sign-ups, encouraging follow-through, and motivating their peers to stay engaged from planning through completion.

Key responsibilities include supporting project oversight, helping organize Ambassador Involvement at events, and maintaining regular communication with peers about deadlines, expectations, and upcoming opportunities. The Team Engagement Leader will also participate in monthly leadership check-ins with the Chair, Vice Chair, and Youth Bureau staff to report progress, troubleshoot challenges, and offer ideas for improving team participation and morale. Serving as a positive role model, this leader demonstrates strong communication, reliability, and a passion for youth voice and service. By building peer-to-peer connections and providing encouragement, the Team Engagement Leader plays a vital role in creating a motivated, inclusive, and high-performing Ambassador team.

Youth Committee Liaison to the Youth Advisory Board “YC Liaison to YAB”

The Youth Committee Liaison to the Youth Advisory Board serves as the communication bridge between the Teen Ambassador Program and the Youth Advisory Board.

This Ambassador attends YAB meetings to share updates on current youth-led initiatives, service projects, and committee efforts. (YAB meetings meet 4 times per year on a quarterly basis typically at 5:30 pm on a Tuesday evening.)

The Liaison may also bring feedback or ideas from the YAB back to the Youth Committee, helping strengthen collaboration, visibility, and youth voice across both groups.

Ambassador Code of Conduct and Responsibilities

- Ambassadors returning for the 2025-2026 School Year will have to submit a signed Code of Conduct and Responsibilities.
- These will be made available AND DUE prior to our June meeting

THANK YOU

Tabling and/or greeting
Human Services Open House
Thursday, April 24th 4 to 8 pm

OPEN HOUSE

Thank you Maddy, Sarvesh, Anya, Stanley, Dino, Annabel for your help!

Ambassador Senior Spotlights

Thank you Anant, Elif, Mia, Dino, Alivia



2025 Trash Dash

Thank you Kaitlyn Holmes, Rose Cox, Mairin King, and Stanley LaFave

SCHEDULE

Last Meeting of the Year:

Sunday, June 8th

2:30 pm

Human Services Upstairs Conference Room in Canton

IN PERSON-School Year Wrap Up and Graduate Celebration

