

Youth Committee Agenda

January



- 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-** Sarvesh Sitaraman
- Youth as Solutions Team Leaders-** Prudence, Stanley, Sarvesh



Sunday, January 11th, 2026 2:30 pm Virtual 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

Please share your name, grade, and school, along with one New Year's resolution or a positive habit you're working on building this year.

Attendance and Call to Order

Updates

- **Goodbyes**
 - Elif Centinkaya, Cayne Trimm, and Mitchell Roamans
- **BAND APP**
 - Please register and set up your profile today
 - Great platform for communication, reminders, messages, and events
 - [CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)
- **Youth Committee Podcasts**
 - Suggestions for Podcast this quarter (Jan, Feb, Mar)
 - Speakers
- **Groundhog Stroll or Stride Event**
 - Heuvelton, Lisbon, and Madrid-Waddington Centrals
 - **Saturday, January 31st 9 to 10:30 am**
 - Participation credit eligibility
 - HCS, LCS, and MWCS Ambassadors please promote and drive attendance
- **5th Annual Valentine's Day Card Drive**
 - **Homemade cards due back by Friday, February 6th**
 - Promote within your schools
 - Flyers in your Google Drive and Band App
- **safeTALK Classes**
 - Morristown Central School District Wed 2/04/26 12pm-3pm
 - Madrid-Waddington Central School District Tues 2/24/26 3pm-6pm
 - Madrid-Waddington Central School District Staff Development Fri 3/06/26 am
- **Albany Trip**
 - Monday and Tuesday February 2nd and 3rd
 - Ambassadors attending are: Anya, Annabel, Stanley, Sarvesh, and Ben
- **LEAD '26**
 - Attendance by Ambassadors is strongly encouraged
 - Sunday, January 11th 3:00-4:30 pm
 - Sunday, February 8th 3:00-4:30 pm
 - Sunday, March 8th 3:00-4:30 pm.
 - Sunday, April 19th 3:00-4:30 pm
 - Youth Engagement Day: Thursday, April 23rd 6:00 pm
 - Scheduled Guest Speakers
 - Legislator David Forsythe today, Assemblyman Scott Gray 3/08
 - Recruitment



Anya Bansal-Potsdam
Nevaeh Plotnick-Clifton Fine
Prudence Cutwa- Lisbon
Stanley LaFave-Heuvelton
Kaitlyn Holmes-Canton
Sarvesh Sitaraman-Potsdam
Ben Weaver- Madrid Waddington
Sage Smith-Heuvelton
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

Ambassador Participation

- **50% participation is expected for be “In Good Standing”**
 - **Suggestions**
 - **Newsletter articles**
 - Ideas
 - Legislator’s Dave Forsythe’s presentation recap
 - How Teens Actually Manage Stress (Not Just What Adults Think)
 - Why Youth Voice Matters in Our Community
 - Small Ways Teens Can Make a Big Difference Locally
 - Living in a Digital World: What Helps and What Hurts
 - What Gives Me Hope Right Now
 - Choose your own: Write on a topic you genuinely care about. Your article can be personal, opinion-based, or story-driven. We want your authentic voice and not perfection. Write as if you’re talking to another teen or a caring adult in our community.
 - **PSA’s**
 - Lead ‘26
 - Teen Ambassador Recruitment
 - safeTALK classes
 - Valentine’s Day Card Drive
 - Stroll or Stride Event on January 31st
 - **TikTok videos** of ideas listed above
 - **Board of Legislator Meeting Attendance**
 - Conducted at the Courthouse Legislator’s Chambers (48 Court St.)
 - Upcoming meeting dates
 - Monday, January 12th 5:30 pm Services/Operations
 - Monday, January 26th 5:30 pm Finance
 - Monday, February 2nd 6:00 pm Full Board Meeting
 - Monday, February 9th 5:30 pm Operations/Services
 - Monday, February 23rd 5:30 pm Finance
 - Monday, March 2nd 6:00 pm Full Board Meeting



Sarvesh

- Update on New York State Youth Council

Five Hour Free Friday

- Friday, March 6th 4:00 to 9:00 pm
- Do we want to do this again? This will be 3rd year
- Present Resolution to BOL on Monday, February 9th at 5:30 pm

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:

February newsletter-Heuvelton (deadline 1/28)

March newsletter-Clifton-Fine (deadline 2/25)

April newsletter-To be determined

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

June newsletter-Senior Spotlights continued



Sunday, February 8th
2:30 pm

