

meet your 2023 LOUISIANA YOUTH SEMINAR STAFF

Glynn Gross: Dutchtown High School / Program Director ❤️

With a master's from Louisiana State University in social work, Glynn works as a Special Needs Counselor in Ascension Parish Schools. Her favorite part about LYS is when delegates find the integral part they play on a team, as every person is unique but serves a crucial role in the success of the whole.

Lindsey Powell: Archbishop Chapelle High School / Assistant Program Director ❤️

She recently graduated with her master's degree in speech-language pathology from Louisiana State University. Her favorite session at seminar is Dreams to Reality. Lindsey recently turned her dreams into reality by getting a job as a pediatric speech-language pathologist focusing on feeding disorders in Houston, TX.

Parker Stanford: Catholic High School Baton Rouge / Assistant Program Director ❤️

He just graduated in finance from Louisiana State University. He is currently working towards his master's in Corporate Finance and Consulting from the University of Colorado at Boulder. His piece of advice for the delegates is to never be afraid to take the next step, you never know what doors and endless possibilities it can open.

Caihren Wood: St. James High School / Assistant Program Director ❤️

He just graduated with a degree in industrial engineering from Louisiana Tech. His favorite involvement session is Dyadic Encounter because of how close two people can become by just answering a few questions!

Derrick Graham: Benjamin Franklin High School / Head Table 🍷🐱

He is currently attending Howard University Law School. If he had to describe LYS in one word it would be PHENOMENAL!!! His one piece of advice to the delegate is to be yourself every step of the way, this applies to seminar and in your life back home.

Patrick Miller: Mandeville High School / Head Table 🍷

He is a graduate of Louisiana State University as well as Louisiana Tech University. He recently completed his Masters of Business Administration degree from LSU and plans to become a financial analyst. His favorite thing about LYS is how strangers become best friends by the end of the week.

Chris Hart: Zachary High School / Medical 🍷

He is currently working towards attending medical school at an undecided location. His one word to describe LYS is "LEGEN-wait for it-DARY! Just kidding, it's unforgettable!! To him *No Man Is An Island* means you never should have to struggle alone.

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Lindsey Lutgring: St. Joseph's Academy / Head Table 🗣️

She is a recent graduate from the Louisiana State University, majoring in business. She is from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and to her *No Man Is An Island* means that no matter what you have been through or are currently going through there will always be someone there for you.

Danielle Jones: St. Joseph's Academy / Head Table 🗣️

She is a recent graduate from the Louisiana State University, majoring in textiles, apparel design, and merchandising. Her favorite part about LYS is watching young leaders recognize their potential and put their plan into action. Her one piece of advice to the delegates is to open yourself to new experiences. The best leaders take risks because they know it leads to success.

Faith Miguez: Catholic High School, New Iberia / Head Table 🗣️

She is a recent graduate of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and is pursuing a Masters of Business Administration. Her one word to describe LYS is captivating. She loves watching the delegates find their own leadership styles while being encouraged by their peers.

Baileigh Picou: Caddo Parish Magnet High School / Head Table 5th Year 🗣️👕

She received her undergraduate degree in general studies from Southeastern University and plans to begin her studies towards her master's degree this fall. One piece of advice she'd like to give to the delegates is, "Come into LYS with no expectations and an open mind!"

Josh Rovira: St. Paul's School / Political Parties 🗣️🐱

He is a recent graduate at Louisiana State University, majoring in computer science and Spanish. He is from Covington, Louisiana. One piece of advice he wants to give the delegates is to not be scared to fit in; be excited to succeed.


Quincy Weary: Ben Franklin High School / Head Table 🗣️

He is a recent graduate from Davidson College, majoring in political science. His one word to describe LYS is MESMERIZING. If he had to give one piece of advice to the delegates, it would be to take these moments to grow yourself as a better human. Although we are shaping you to be the leaders of tomorrow, the best leaders will be those who learn to love others in all forms.

Abby Reames: Chapelle High School / 5th Year 👕

She is currently at the University of New Orleans studying biology, pre-dental. To her, *No Man Is An Island* means that no matter what you are experiencing in life, you are not alone. Whether you are struggling or celebrating a success, there is someone who understands what you are going through. *No Man Is An Island* also reminds her to remember that you never know what other people are going through behind the scenes, so always be kind.

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Benjamin Schwing: St. Paul's High School / 5th Year 


He is currently studying business marketing at Christian Brothers University. His one piece of advice for the delegation is that time is best spent in the moment, so try to take LYS in by being present and not somewhere else.

Joe Overstreet: Dutchtown High School / 5th Year

He is currently studying computer science at Southeastern University. His favorite session is Feelings Through Music. He incorporates this in his daily life by taking time to listen to music, think about the situation he is in, and find a solution to work it out. If he had to describe LYS in one word it would be BEAUTIFUL.

Colin Clement: Holy Cross / 5th year

He is currently studying electrical engineering at Louisiana Tech University. His favorite part about LYS is how immersive the program is as a whole. To him, *No Man Is An Island* means that no matter what you're going through, others will always be there for you.

Grace Laurent: Fontainebleau High School / 4th year 

She is currently studying theater performance at Louisiana State University. Her one word to describe LYS is MAGICAL. During LYS, she loves to spend time with her home group and really bond with them!

Jadya Morris: Madison Preparatory School / 4th year 

She is currently studying mass communication at Louisiana State University. Her advice for the delegation is to lean on your peers, expect the unexpected, and make sure you bring some extra snacks!

Derrick O'Neal: New Orleans Math and Science Charter School (SciHigh) / 4th year 

He is currently studying international relations at Tulane University. If he could give one piece of advice to the delegates he would say, "Have an open mind! If you allow it, LYS will change your life for the better!"

Christian Herpin: Episcopal School of Acadiana / 4th year 

He is currently attending Louisiana State University where he studies math and computer science. He learned many valuable leadership skills by attending LYS, and he's super excited to have this opportunity to help guide the future leaders of Louisiana along their leadership journey! His one word to describe LYS is INSPIRING!

Kelsey Sanders: Warren Easton Charter High School / 4th year 

She is currently studying communication with a minor in Spanish at Villanova University. Her advice to the delegation is to keep an open mind, and get as much sleep as possible. To her, *No Man Is An Island* means that no matter how different someone may be from you, make sure to include them, and never leave someone behind!!

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Alli Desselles: MSA West High School / 4th year 🧑

She is currently studying political science at Louisiana State University. Her advice to the delegation is to lean into it. LYS can be intimidating, but once you get to know your fellow delegates and your counselors you will find something to love about LYS.

Mann Boughton: Ben Franklin High School / 4th year 🧑

He is currently studying history at the University of Alabama. His advice for the delegates is to keep an open mind throughout your week. During the week, you will meet a ton of people and find yourself navigating new challenges and obstacles. All of these challenges are doable - and super fun - if you're always willing to learn new ways to achieve your goals and work together with your fellow delegates. His one word to describe LYS is JUBILANT!

Kate Dantagnan: Archbishop Chapelle / 4th year 🧑

She is currently at Louisiana State University studying secondary education. If she could give one piece of advice to the delegates, it would be to not have any expectations or reservations! Go into the seminar, be yourself, and allow yourself to experience it fully.

Troy Meredith: Benjamin Franklin High School / 2nd year 🧑

He is currently studying mechanical engineering at Louisiana State University. His biggest piece of advice for the delegates is to embrace the tired, embrace the new connections, and embrace that you won't get a redo on the week! Share a speech, say those funky ideas in your brain! Do not hold back!!

Paige Sias: Lafayette High School / 2nd year 🧑

She is currently studying at Rhode Island School of Design, majoring in fashion design. To her, *No Man Is An Island* means you are always there for the ones around you, and that you are never truly alone.

Jack Tuiller: Auburn High School (Auburn, Alabama) / 2nd year 🧑

He is currently studying accounting at Emory University. His one word to describe LYS is LIFE-CHANGING. His one piece of advice to the delegates is to embrace the craziness!

Leigh Ann Lutgring: Charlotte Catholic High School (Charlotte, NC) / 2nd year 🧑

She is currently studying kinesiology at Louisiana State University. Her favorite part about LYS is interacting with the delegates. If she had to give one piece of advice to the delegates, it would be to soak it all in because it is one of the best experiences she has ever had!

Marcus Carter: White Castle High / New JC 🧑

He will be attending Nicholls State University to study pre-veterinary medicine. When asked what *No Man Is An Island* means to him he said, "No person should be alone or left out no matter what the circumstances are."

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Henry Morse: The Willow School / New JC 🗨️

He plans to attend the University of Michigan to study communications. His one piece of advice for the delegates is to not worry about what other people think about you, let your insecurities go, give into the spirit of LYS, and be the true you!

Ruthie Helms: Catholic High School New Iberia / New JC 🗨️

She plans to attend University of Louisiana at Lafayette to study child and family studies. Her favorite part of LYS is meeting people from all over Louisiana. It is the people that you thought you would never find common ground with that you connect with on so many new levels, it changes your perspective on life!

Lucy John: Episcopal School of Acadiana / New JC 🗨️

She plans to attend Tulane University where she will study neuroscience. To her *No Man Is An Island* means that a leader doesn't succeed unless everyone succeeds, which brings out the best in everyone and builds up a support system.

Eli Eble: Episcopal School of Acadiana / New JC 🗨️

He will attend Louisiana Tech University, where he will major in engineering. His favorite part of LYS is Caucus, and if he had to give one piece of advice to the delegates it would be do not be afraid to fail!

Keagan Davis: Ascension Catholic High School / New JC 🗨️

She plans to attend Nicholls State University, where she will study nursing. Her one piece of advice to the delegates is this is your fresh start. No one knows a thing about you, let loose, dance in the circle, get involved in group sessions, and make new friends. Everything is about what you make it!

Deporres Taplette: Hammond High Magnet School / New JC 🗨️

In the fall, he will attend the Universal Technical Institute to study welding. His favorite part about LYS is getting to meet new people! If he had to describe LYS in one word, it would be BREATHTAKING!

Haylee Monte: Satsuma High School / New JC 🗨️

She plans to study biomedical sciences at the University of South Alabama. Her one piece of advice to the delegates is to not be afraid to branch out, try to talk to everyone and get out of your comfort zone!

Olivia Usie: Teurlings Catholic High School / New JC 🗨️

She will be attending the University of Mississippi, studying integrated marketing and communications. Her one word to describe LYS is COMMUNITY! Her advice to the delegates is to take it all in and be open from day one! You will wish you had more time to be with one another.

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Madison Lumar: Destrehan High School / New JC 🗨️

She plans to study mass communications at Louisiana State University. Her favorite part about LYS is meeting new people and the feeling of togetherness LYS brings. In just a few short days you get the opportunity to grow close relationships with people you might have never met before LYS.

Elle Boughton: Ben Franklin High School / New JC 🗨️

She plans to attend Louisiana State University. Elle's favorite part about LYS is stepping out of her shell alongside her peers, who quickly became some of her best friends within only 5 days!

Brianna Anderson: Destrehan High School / New JC 🗨️

She plans to study mass communication at Louisiana State University in the fall. Her one piece of advice for the delegates is to branch out and get comfortable being uncomfortable because that is how you will get the best experience out of LYS.

Jake Mathis: Parkview Baptist School / New JC 🗨️

He plans to attend Louisiana State University to study biology (pre-med). When asked what piece of advice he would like to give to the delegates, he said, "Reach out as much as possible to your other delegates while you're here. Even though you may know very few people or no one at all when you're coming into LYS, this will be one of your best opportunities to make lifelong friends."