

LYS 2020 Staff

PD:

Program Director **Glynn Gross** is from Geismar, LA and attended and graduated from Dutchtown High School. She went on to graduate from Southeastern with an undergraduate degree in social work followed by a Master's in social work from LSU. She is currently a special needs counselor in Ascension Parish Schools. To Glynn, NMIAI means community. She says, "in my eyes NMIAI gives me people to lean on and turn to no matter the circumstances." She is proud to be serving this year as your PD!

APDS:

Lindsey Powell is ecstatic to be one of your assistant program directors this year! She is an alumna of Archbishop Chapelle High School in New Orleans, LA. Lindsey graduated from LSU with a BA in Communication Disorders and begins her master's degree at LSU this Fall. Lindsey is excited for the webinar because she gets to "experience to LYS as a delegate again. It gives me the chance to slow down and absorb the knowledge and skills the program provides."

Grant Henry is thrilled to be one of your assistant program directors! He is an alumnus of Airline High School in Bossier City, LA. Grant is currently pursuing an Interdisciplinary Studies degree from Nicholls State University. Grant believes leadership is important because it pushes people to see the best in themselves. It emboldens the spirit and pushes people to recognize how failures are building blocks and not obstacles. It changes the heart and the mind by giving them a direct pathway to work in unison. Leadership is the soul or any great movement, program, or team. Leadership is unity."

5 YEARS:

Hadlee Calvert hails from Madisonville, LA and attended and graduated from Christ Episcopal School. She is now pursuing a degree in Political Science and Philosophy at Tulane University. During both her time as a delegate and her years as a red shirt, Hadlee has loved the "transformative" nature of LYS. The program encourages you "to uplift the people around you, and you, in turn, are uplifted."

Michael Hart currently studies Mechanical Engineering at Texas Tech University. He is originally from Houston, TX where he attended and graduated from Seven Lakes High School. When asked if he could give one piece of advice to the delegates he responded with, "Invest yourself into every part of the webinar and take what you learn with you in whatever you do next."

Ja Brooks comes from Saraland, Alabama where he attended Saraland High School. He is studying Urban and Regional Planning at Alabama A&M. When asked about his favorite part of LYS, Ja says that he "loves the energy and excitement delegates bring to the program and can't wait to see how that translates virtually."

Dominique Cravins, a graduate from Washington Latin PCS in Washington, DC, attends LSU where she is majoring in English. Dominique says, "LYS is life-changing so have no expectations and let yourself be surprised!" Dominique's favorite session at LYS is Dreams to Reality because it allows delegates to dream big and set attainable goals!

Emiia Charles attends Dillard University and is pursuing her undergrad in Criminal Justice. Emiia hails from Lafayette, LA where she graduated from Lafayette High School. Her one piece of advice to the

delegates is this, “you can never make up for the time that has been wasted so live your life to the fullest today!”

Anna Winter is originally from Houston, TX where she graduated from Incarnate Word Academy. She now studies Chemical Engineering at the University of Virginia. If Anna could describe LYS in one word it would be “unpredictable. The smallest moments have the biggest impact.”

Cary Wahlborg joins us from Baton Rouge, LA where she attended and graduated from University Laboratory School. When asked what NMIAI means to her Cary says, “NMIAI to me means sharing the love wherever it is needed to whoever needs it.” Cary is excited for the webinar this year because she thinks it will be a great opportunity to reach a wider age range of delegates.

Emma Bell is from Shreveport, LA. She currently attends the University of Alabama where she is majoring in Management Information Systems. When asked how LYS has impacted her during this time she says, “Leaning on my LYS family has been so important during Covid. When summer plans were cancelled and quarantine began, I felt isolated and like an island. For me, it’s been important to step back and reflect on the people I have around me. Even when you feel alone, NMIAI.”

Kaleb Cayette joins us from Donaldsonville, LA where he attended Donaldsonville High School. He currently majors in Business at Louisiana State University. Kaleb is looking forward to the webinar because “it’s the first time delegates get the opportunity to experience LYS through a different setting.”

4th YEARS:

Mallory Panzavecchia graduated from Archbishop Chapelle in New Orleans, LA and currently attends Louisiana State University where she studies Mass Communication – Journalism with a minor in Sports studies. Mallory says that during these uncertain times of the pandemic, she has “felt love and support from the LYS community, which is a testament to the connections built by this program.”

Derrick Graham is from New Orleans, LA and attended Benjamin Franklin High School. He currently goes to Morehouse college where he studies Political Science. Derrick says, “LYS is extraordinary, and I am especially looking forward to seeing what is in store this year for our webinar!”

Patrick Miller hails from Mandeville, LA where he attended Mandeville High School. He now studies Economics at Louisiana Tech University. When asked to describe LYS in one word, Patrick said “empowering.” Patrick thinks leadership is essential because, “More than ever today, we need strong and impactful leaders.”

AnnaGrace Schoeffler currently studies Marketing at Louisiana State University. She attended and graduated from St. Thomas More Lafayette, LA. In both her delegate years and her time on staff, AnnaGrace has always appreciated the “joy” and “the non-stop energy LYS brings not just the week of seminar, but year-round!”

Chris Hart is on the pre-Med track and pursuing his undergrad in Psychology at LSU. He says that “LYS is about discovering yourself in a one-week period, so that when you emerge back into the ‘real world’, you are more confident in yourself and in your developing abilities. He looks forward to being about to discover new things at the webinar this year!

Matthew Foster was raised in Lafayette, LA and is a graduate of Crowley High School. He is now pursuing a degree in Business Management at the University of Louisiana Lafayette. Matthew is excited for another “outstanding” third week of July, especially this year with our virtual webinar! He is looking forward to the activities and opportunities that will be presented this year!

2nd YEARS:

Lindsey Lutgring is a second year on staff from Baton Rouge, LA where she graduated from St. Joseph’s Academy. Lindsey attends Louisiana State University and majors in Business. Lindsey says, “to her NMIAI means that no matter who you are or what you have been through, you will always have someone who will stand by you.”

Faith Migues graduated from Catholic High School New Iberia. She attends The University of Louisiana at Lafayette where she majors in Strategic Communications (Public Relations). Faith is so happy to be a part of LYS! Faith says she is so excited for webinar because it will be a great reminder of previous LYS summers when everything around us is so different.

Joshua Rovira can’t wait for our webinar this year! Graduating from St. Paul’s School in Covington, LA, Josh attends LSU to study Psychology and Spanish. Josh describes LYS with the word “momentous.” He says, “Take this week as an opportunity learn from others and support others in the spirit of No Man Is An Island.”

Quincy Weary hails from New Orleans, LA where he graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School. He attends Davidson College in North Carolina studying Political Science. Quincy believes leadership is essential because “it is not something that is taught, but instead it is developed and we must allow our delegates to see that they do have a voice of power. Being a leader is definitely not being the loudest but instead learning how to use everyone’s strengths to the best of their ability.”

Danielle Jones is from Port Allen, LA and graduated from St. Joseph’s Academy. She attends LSU and studies Textiles, Apparel Design, and merchandising with a minor in Business. Danielle is looking forward to getting to see the webinar’s “Badges and feedback! Because that means that other delegates creative ideas and concepts can be shared, I can learn from them and that will make me a better leader.”

Parker Stanford is thrilled about our webinar this year! He is a graduate from Catholic High School in Baton Rouge and is attending LSU to study Finance. Parker’s one piece of advice for the delegation is that although LYS looks different this year, “Be willing to accept things that you are not used to, and grow and develop with a sense of leadership.”

Caihren Wood is from Vacherie, LA where he graduated from St. James High School. He attends Louisiana Tech University where he studies Electrical Engineering. Caihren is so excited to be joining us for the third week of July virtually, and he says, “To me, No Man Is An Island means Inclusion. Everyone should be treated like they’re part of your family. Sometimes, all a person needs is the reassurance that they have a hand to hold in their time of need.”

NEW JCS:

Abby Reames is from Metairie, LA and recently graduated from Archbishop Chapelle High School. She plans to attend the University of New Orleans to study Biological Sciences. Abby is so excited to be joining us on staff, and she says, "No matter how uncertain times may get, I can always be comforted by the family I have in LYS and the many lessons I have learned from it. My life truly wouldn't be the same without my LYS experience, and it will always be a positive reminder that I am never alone in any circumstance. No man is an island, no man stands alone."

Joe Overstreet is from Dutchtown, LA and recently graduated from Dutchtown High School. He plans to attend Southeastern and plans to pursue a degree in Computer Science. Joe is so excited to continue to be a part of LYS, and he says, "Leadership is essential because it can bring people together for a common cause. If a person can successfully lead a group that group can turn into an unstoppable force."

Kamryn Eugene joins us from Lafayette, LA where she recently graduated from Lafayette High School. She will begin at Southern University in the Fall to pursue studies in Fashion Merchandising and Communications. Kamryn is most excited for webinar because she feels it is such a great way to still have LYS during these times. She is so thankful that delegates and staff members have the opportunity to experience LYS this summer through technology!

Baileigh Picou is a recent graduate of Caddo Parish Magnet High School in Shreveport, LA. She will be attending Southeastern in the fall to study Public Relations and Marketing. When asked why Leadership is essential, Baileigh says, "Everything we do comes back to a decision made by a leader. As we learn at LYS, we need one another, and each of us has strengths that make us a leader to make a better whole."

Colin Clement comes to us from New Orleans, LA where he recently graduated from Holy Cross High School. In the fall, Colin will be studying Electrical Engineering at Louisiana Tech University. Colin believes that "good leadership cultivates an environment that allows each individual to perform at their best, making the whole group better."

Peyton Sias joins us from Lafayette, LA where she graduated from Lafayette High School. She will be attending Yale in the fall to study Political Science. For Peyton, NMIAI means, "that we are never alone and that even during the darkest times you are still surrounded by people who love you and want the best for you. LYS has impacted me during COVID by helping to realize that I'm not alone during this period of self-isolation and that we can get through this if we work together."

Ben Schwing is a recent graduate of St. Paul's High School in Mandeville, LA. He will be attending Christian Brothers in the Fall to study Health Sciences. Ben believes that leadership is essential because "many big decisions that affect our future are made by leaders, so defining and sharing these skills with the youth of the world provides hope for a better one."