

2025 74th Annual



Ohio Youth in Government

April 10-12, 2025



**Youth Governor
Lucas Jolly
Jackson YLA**

**Youth Chief Justice
Kollier Fulton
Jackson YLA**



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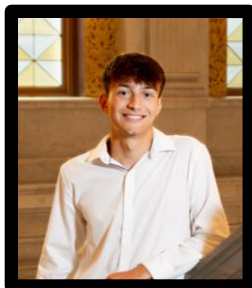


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Section I: Welcome

From the Desk of the Ohio Youth Governor



Hello everyone and welcome to the 2025 Ohio Youth in Government!

On behalf of everyone here with the Youth Leadership Association, we are jolly to have such an amazing attendance this year. Over the past few months, my fellow officers and I have been hard at work while at Camp Horseshoe, Fall Conference and other YLA events to ensure you have the best experience possible this weekend. We want to encourage you to take service for your community beyond not only the walls of the Statehouse, but our towns, our counties and even our great state of Ohio.

It is with a great urge that I encourage all of you, Juniors, Sophomores, even Freshmen to consider applying for an officer position. Although I know summer camp isn't for everyone, it is something that will have an impact on your life. For those of you not interested in an officer position, I still urge you to consider applying for press editor or committee chair.

As we start our weekend together, I want to make it clear that every one of you has a purpose here. Whether that be as a bill author, a member of the press, a lobbyist, page, appellee or an appellant...etc. we all have a purpose to fulfill. We are the new generation of lawyers, politicians, business leaders, and pioneers - ready to follow our passions wherever they lead.

Sincerely,

Lucas Jolly

Lucas Jolly
2025 Ohio Youth Governor



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From the Desk of the Youth Chief Justice



Hello everyone and welcome to Youth in Government 2025! I am so excited for this year's experience, the memories we will make, and the knowledge we will gain. YLA has been working very hard behind the scenes for this weekend to be a great success, and I hope you will all learn to love YLA and YIG just as much as I have in the past few years. The friendships and memories made through events like Camp Horseshoe, Fall Conference, and more will make a lasting impact on you and your future.

It's okay to be nervous but remember to be confident in yourself and your skills as you present your bills and argue your cases. In the end you will be proud of yourself for stepping outside of your comfort zone and either trying something new, practicing familiar skills, or rekindling old interests.

I have strengthened my confidence, learned more about myself, including my strengths and weaknesses, my passion for government, and have learned the foundations of our state government from my experiences through YIG; I hope just the same for you all. As our weekend begins, I urge you all to ask questions, spark conversations, meet new people, and enjoy every second. Respect everyone you encounter and always be yourself. Have fun these next few days and know you always have a friend right here!

Kind regards,

Kollier Fulton

Kollier Fulton, Youth Chief Justice



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Section II: Important Information

2025 Opening Joint Session

Thursday, April 10, 2025

| | | |
|-----------------|--|--|
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm | Registration | Hotel – Legislative Foyer Female Luggage Room – Capitol Boardroom Male Luggage Room – Director's Boardroom |
| 1:15 pm | Advisors Meeting | Hotel – Judicial Conference Room |
| 2:00 pm | Officers, Candidates, Committee Chairs Meeting | Hotel – Judicial Conference Room |
| 2:45 pm | All Delegates and Advisors Convene Students with Role in Opening Session House Members Senate Members Judicial, Pages, Press, Lobbyists | House Chamber (locations for specific groups below) Back of House Chamber Floor in Assigned Seats Floor (fill the floor before going to the center balcony) Fill the floor seats before going to the center balcony) |
| 3:00 pm | Joint Session of the Model Legislature & Supreme Court | |
| | Escort Committee: Eden Smith , South Webster YLA; Mason Blackburn , Western YLA, Rohan Chuwan , Butler County YLA, Phoebe Bong , Wellington YLA | |
| | Presiding | Haley Ross , Jackson YLA, Speaker of the House |
| | Prayer | Sabella McCarty , Jackson YLA, House Chaplain |
| | Pledge of Allegiance | Maxwell Smith , Wellington YLA |
| | Ascertaining a Quorum | House – Broden Keller , Washington Court House |
| | | Senate – Ava Aldridge , Butler County |
| | Oath of Office and Remarks | Honorable Sharon L. Kennedy , Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio |
| | “I, (state your name), do solemnly swear, to execute to the best of my ability, the duties and responsibilities of my office, and to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Laws of the State of Ohio, and the rules and procedures of the Ohio YLA Youth in Government program. This I do as I shall answer unto God.” | |
| | Proclamations of Office | Larry Obhof , Chief Legal Counsel for the Secretary of State, Frank LaRose |
| | Accepting the Proclamations of Office: Judicial: Senate: House: | Youth Chief Justice Kollier Fulton , Jackson YLA Senator Lily Hashem , Wellington YLA Representative Madison Allen , Washington Court House |
| | Remarks & Presentation of the State Flag | Representative Bob Peterson |
| | Remarks | James Sullivan , YLA Alum, Legislative Aide to State Representative Chris Glassburn Stephen Hightower, II , YLA Alum, Chief Operating Officer of Hightowers Petroleum Co. |
| 4:00 pm | Keynote Address Distinguished Hero Service Award | Mike DeWine , Governor of Ohio |



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2025 Student Legislature Schedule

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| 4:45 – 5:00 pm | Group Picture in the House Chamber | |
| 5:10 – 6:35 pm | Orientation, Practice Bills & Legislative Proposals in Committee | Committee Rooms (see page 7 of the Bill Book for room numbers and page 45 for Schedule of Legislature. Be sure to follow the times allotted. |
| 6:40 – 8:00 pm | Dinner on your own | |
| 8:00 – 11:00 pm | <p>Get Acquainted Mixer with your fellow YG participants and YLA staff.</p> <p>Join us for The Capitol Spotlight Variety Show with dancing to follow. Now is the time to take the spotlight and show everyone just how talented our YG people are. Individual, group or chapter acts are all welcome.</p> <p>Refreshments will be served including house made kettle chips with buffalo and onion dips, cookies and fruit.</p> <p>Please do NOT gather in the hallways or your rooms as this may disturb other guests of the hotel.</p> | Congressional |
| 11:00 p.m. | In your OWN ROOM & QUIET (curfew 11:00 pm – 7:00 am). Please be quiet on your way back to your room as to not disturb other guests. | |
| Friday, April 11, 2025 | | |
| 7:00 – 8:30 am | Join Governor Jolly for the Governor’s Welcome Breakfast Buffet | Congressional |
| 8:15 am | Officers and Committee Chair Meeting | Congressional |
| 9:00 – 9:15 am | Introduction to the House ~ Brad Young , House Clerk Introduction to the Senate ~ Vincent Keeran , Senate Clerk | House Chamber Senate Chamber |
| 9:15 – 10:15 am | House and Senate in Session (following the schedule page 45 of bill book) | |
| 10:20 – 11:30 | House and Senate in Committee | |
| 11:30 – 1:00 pm | Lunch on your own | |
| 1:00 – 2:15 pm | House and Senate in Session | |
| 2:20 – 3:05 pm | House and Senate in Committee | |
| 3:10 – 4:45 pm | House and Senate in Session | |
| 4:45 – 5:20 pm | Joint Session in the House Chamber for all. Presentation by the Judicial Program | |
| 5:30 – 8:00 pm | Dinner on your own | |
| 8:30 - 9:00 pm | Speech and Election of 2026 Youth Governor and Youth Chief Justice | Congressional |
| 9:00 - 10:55 pm | Governor’s Gala & Reception <i>Join Governor Jolly for an evening of dancing and fun. Pizza will be served.</i> | Congressional |
| 11:00 pm | In your OWN ROOM & QUIET (curfew 11:00 pm – 7:00 am). Please be quiet on your way back to your room as to not disturb other guests. | |



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2025 Student Legislature Schedule

| Saturday, April 12, 2025 | | |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| 7:00 – 8:30 am | Governor's Farewell Breakfast Buffet | Congressional |
| 8:45 am | Officers and Committee Chairs Meeting Judicial, Press, Lobbyist and Page Advisors -the exit surveys are in the plastic box given to you on day one. Please have your students & yourself complete them & put back in the box for the Bill Coordinator. | Statehouse - Bill Coordinator's Office |
| 9:00 – 9:45 am | House and Senate in Committee | |
| 9:45 – 9:55 am | Complete exit surveys, after completed give them back to your Committee Chair to bring to the Bill Coordinator's Office & hand out ballots - DO NOT VOTE IN COMMITTEE | |
| 10:00 – 10:45 am | House and Senate in Session to consider legislation | |
| 10:50 – 11:00 am | Election of Senate Officers | Election of House Officers |
| | Bring completed ballots to the Bill Coordinator at the back of the House Floor | |
| 11:00 am | Joint Session of the Model Legislature & Supreme Court | |
| | Presiding | Liam Milliken , Jackson YLA, President of the Senate |
| | Election of Lt. Governor 2026 | |
| | Achievements of the 2025 Legislature | Lucas Jolly , Jackson YLA, Youth Governor |
| | Achievements of the 2025 Supreme Court Kollier Fulton, Jackson YLA, Chief Justice | Maddie Mercer , Jackson, Representing the Youth Chief Justice |
| | Waldock Performance Award | Bob Waldock , Former OH Youth Governor |
| | Installation of Officers 2026 | David King , YLA Director |
| | Concluding Remarks | |
| 12:30 pm | Adjournment – Have a safe trip home. | |

2025 Student Judicial Schedule

| Thursday, April 10, 2025 | | House Committee Room 313 |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| 3:00 pm | Joint Opening Session of the Model Legislature and Supreme Court See legislature schedule for details. | |
| 5:00 pm | Supreme Court Assembles | The Court will use House Room 313 for its court and deliberation room |
| 5:00 – 6:30 pm | Orientation and Practice Cases | |
| 6:30 – 8:00 pm | Dinner on your own | |
| 8:00 – 11:00 pm | Get Acquainted Mixer with your fellow YG participants & YLA Staff. Join us for The Capitol Spotlight Variety Show with dancing to follow. Now is the time to take the spotlight and show everyone just how talented our YG people are. Individual, group or chapter acts are all welcome. | Congressional |

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| | Refreshments will be served including house made kettle chips with buffalo and onion dips, cookies and fruit Please do NOT gather in the hallways or your rooms as this may disturb other guests of the hotel. | | | |
| 11:00 pm | In your OWN ROOM & QUIET (curfew 11:00 pm – 7 am). Please be quiet on your way to your room as to not disturb other guests. | | | |
| Friday, April 11, 2025 | | | | |
| 7:00 – 8:30 am | Join Governor Jolly for the Governor’s Welcome Breakfast Buffet | | | Congressional |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | Case #1 Dana Barr v Ohio Department of Corrections | | | |
| | Appellant Ryan LeFever | Appellee Drew Neff | Justices Chief Justice Kollier Fulton Assoc. Justice Zoie Ervin Ava Valentine Sophie Williams Bralee Lyons | Marshal Jordan Swackhammer |
| 9:30 – 9:45 | Wrap up and Discussion of Case #1 | | | |
| 9:45 – 10:15 | Case #2 Coryell v Bank One Trust Company | | | |
| | Appellant Ava Valentine | Appellee Braylee Lyons | Justices Chief Justice Kollier Fulton Assoc. Justice Zoie Ervin Jayce Moore Ryan LeFever Drew Neff | Marshal Tayler Williams |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Wrap up and Discussion of Case #2 | | | |
| | Case #3 Marcus Jackson v State of Ohio | | | |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Appellant Sophie Williams | Appellee Tayler Williams | Justices Chief Justice Kollier Fulton Assoc. Justice Zoie Ervin Jordan Swackhammer Ryan LeFever Ava Valentine | Marshal Jayce Moore |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Wrap up and Discussion on Case #3 | | | |
| 11:15 – 12:45 | Lunch on your own | | | |
| 12:45 – 1:00 | Walk as a group to the Supreme Court – Front Street – Main Entrance | | | |
| 1:00 – 2:15 | Tour of the Ohio Supreme Court of Appeals | | | |
| 2:15 – 2:30 | Walk back to the Statehouse as a group | | | |
| | Case #4 State of Ohio v Jeremy Johnson | | | |
| 2:30 – 3:00 | Appellant Jayce Moore | Appellee Jordan Swackhammer | Justices Chief Justice Kollier Fulton Assoc. Justice Zoie Ervin Drew Neff Tayler Williams Bralee Lyons | Marshal Sophie Williams |
| 3:00 – 3:10 | Wrap up and Discussion on Case #4 | | | |



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Student Judicial Schedule

Friday, April 11, 2025, continued

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| 3:10 – 4:45 pm | Observe House or Senate in Floor Session | |
| 4:45 – 5:20 pm | Joint Session in the House Chamber for All. Presentation by Judicial Program | |
| 5:30 – 8:00 pm | Dinner on your own | |
| 8:00 – 10:30 pm | Governor Gala and Reception <i>Join Governor Jolly for an evening of dancing & fun.</i> <i>Pizza will be served.</i> | Congressional |
| 10:30 – 11:00 pm | Speech and Election of 2026 Youth Governor and Youth Chief Justice | Congressional |
| 11:00 pm | In your OWN ROOM & QUIET (curfew 11:00 pm – 7:00 am). Please be quiet on your way back to your room as to not disturb other guests. | |

Saturday, April 12, 2025

| | | |
|----------------|--|---------------|
| 7:00 – 8:30 am | Governor's Farewell Breakfast Buffet | Congressional |
| 9:00 – 12:30 | Please follow the Legislative Schedule | |

Section III: Youth Leadership Association Board of Directors

YLA Board Officers

| Name | Position | Residence |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| David Runkle | President | Catonsville, MD |
| Aaron Stockmeister | Vice President | Cincinnati, OH |
| Lynne Crow | Secretary | Gallipolis, OH |
| Joe Caltrider | Treasurer | Charles Town, WV |

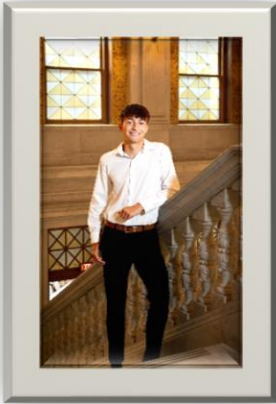
YLA Board Members

| Name | Residence | Name | Residence |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Bill Bissett | Charleston, WV | Conrad Lucas | Charleston, WV |
| Angela Domico-Cox | Elizabeth, WV | George Manahan | South Charleston, WV |
| Tess Elshoff | New Bremen, OH | Sean McCabe | West Chester, OH |
| Michael French | Columbus, OH | Chris Miller | Huntington, WV |
| Clare Gordon | Columbus, OH | Karen Price | Charleston, WV |
| Jessica Greathouse | South Charleston, WV | Ron Stollings | Madison, WV |
| Chris Hamilton | Charleston, WV | Steve Volk | Milford, OH |
| Riley Keaton | Spencer, WV | | |

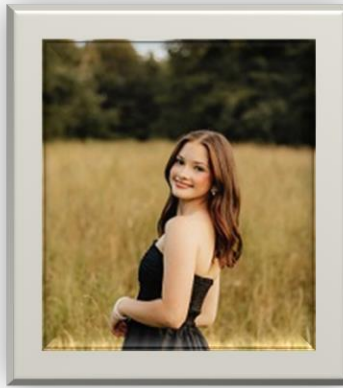
YLA Board Members Emeritus

| Name | Residence | Name | Residence |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Mark Cannon | Reston, VA | Sarah Minear | Morgantown, WV |
| Charles Creamer | Lebanon, OH | Gordon R. Thorn | Morgantown, WV |
| Ellen G. Goodwin | Morgantown, WV | | |

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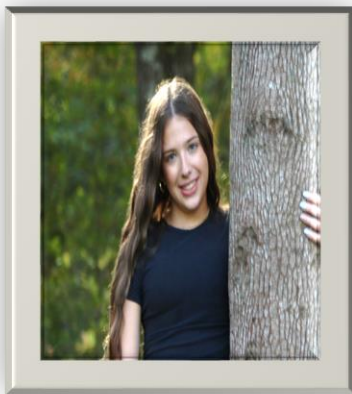
Lucas Jolly
Youth Governor



Chloe Maybin
Lt. Governor



Kollier Fulton
Youth Chief Justice



Haley Ross
Speaker of the House



Sabella McCarty
House Chaplain



Daymion Daulton
House Co-Clerk



Liam Milliken
President of the Senate



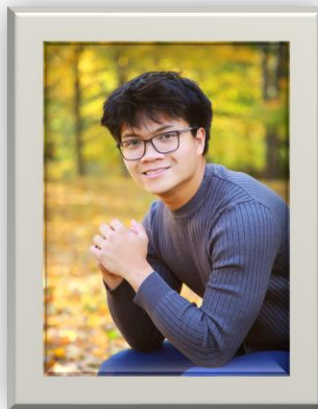
Maddie Mercer
Senate Clerk



Beau Stephen
Senate Chaplain



Zoie Ervin
Associate Justice



Ian Bautista
Director of Legislative Affairs



Sidney Keslar
Chief of Staff

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Kydin Whitmore
House Co-Clerk

2025 Distinguished Guests



Mike DeWine
Governor
State of Ohio



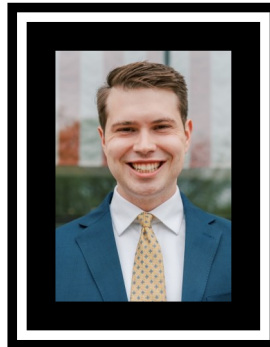
Sharon L. Kennedy
Chief Justice
Ohio Supreme Court



Bob Peterson
Representative
District 91



Larry Obhof Chief
Legal Counsel for
the Secretary of
State



James Sullivan
Legislative Aide to
State Representative
Chris Glassburn



Stephen Hightower, II
Chief Operating
Officer of Hightowers
Petroleum Co.

"I am certainly a big fan of YLA and its development of Ohio's young leaders with its programs and unique experiences. I love sharing how government works with the students that visit the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus every year!"

Mike DeWine, Ohio State Governor

YLA Advisors

THANK YOU to our local YLA Advisors who guide, mentor, encourage, and challenge our YLA teens to learn, grow, and make differences for good.

Participation in YLA Youth in Government as well as all YLA programs is only possible because of your efforts.



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Section IV: Leadership and Award Recipient History

Youth in Government Leadership History

| Year | State Chairman | Executive Director | Youth Chief Justice | Youth Governor |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1952 | C. William O'Neill | James M. Williams | | Mike Lewis |
| 1953 | C. William O'Neill | James M. Williams | | Walt Gundel |
| 1954 | C. William O'Neill | James M. Williams | | Charles Collings |
| 1955 | C. William O'Neill | James M. Williams | | Joe Sheridan |
| 1956 | C. William O'Neill | James M. Williams | | John Rainbolt |
| 1957 | C. William O'Neill | James M. Williams | | Sudie Duncan |
| 1958 | C. William O'Neill | James M. Williams | | Stephen Geckeler |
| 1959 | C. William O'Neill | James M. Williams | | John Muster |
| 1960 | C. William O'Neill | James M. Williams | | William Rose |
| 1961 | C. William O'Neill | James M. Williams | | James Demarco |
| 1962 | C. William O'Neill | James M. Williams | | William Torchia |
| 1963 | C. William O'Neill | James M. Williams | | Tim Dix |
| 1964 | C. William O'Neill | Bruno J. Ottavi | | Jack Riley |
| 1965 | C. William O'Neill | Bruno J. Ottavi | George Dykstra | David Long |
| 1966 | C. William O'Neill | Bruno J. Ottavi | | Thaddeus Garrett, Jr. |
| 1967 | C. William O'Neill | Frank A. Williams | Dan Cassity | James Crawford |
| 1968 | C. William O'Neill | Frank A. Williams | David Williams | Stephen Salyer |
| 1969 | C. William O'Neill | Frank A. Williams | Gregory Hogan | David Suddendorf |
| 1970 | C. William O'Neill | Frank A. Williams | James McFadden | Levern Crosby, Jr. |
| 1971 | C. William O'Neill | David L. King | Dale Zimmer | Larry Meinert |
| 1972 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Bill Junk, Jr. | Donald Leach, Jr. |
| 1973 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | J. Mike Dominco | Robert Harnish |
| 1974 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | David Mustine | Angie Ellis |
| 1975 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Bob Kepple | Barbara Brown |
| 1976 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Timothy O'Flynn | Richard Redman |
| 1977 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | John Walker | Terri Pancoast |
| 1978 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | John Thompson | Charles Hattemer |
| 1979 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Mia Tee | Nancy Reese |
| 1980 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Paul Burnside | Robert Waldock |
| 1981 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Hal Barron | Ana Hogrefe |
| 1982 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Timothy Rathbun | Rob Hoelscher |
| 1983 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Dana Hehrer | Shelly Miller |
| 1984 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Jodi Rathbun | Christopher Wolff |
| 1985 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Jodi Rathbun | Earl Smith |
| 1986 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Danielle Perkins | Sandra Grady |
| 1987 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Michael O'Reilly | Susan Wright |
| 1988 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Shane Dawson | Julie Miller |
| 1989 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Doug Pennington | T.D. Pollard |
| 1990 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Shalini Gupta | Greg Gelting |



YOUTH LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION

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Youth in Government Leadership History (continued)

| Year | State Chairman | Executive Director | Youth Chief Justice | Youth Governor |
|------|---|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1991 | Oliver Ocasek | David King | Lisa Kinder | Staci Bloomberg |
| 1992 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Bryan Ramos | John Goodman |
| 1993 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | April Bowling | Douglas Miller |
| 1994 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Betsy Cameron | Peter Halvorsen |
| 1995 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Duane Bolick | Amanda Deerhake |
| 1996 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Jason Hughes | Sami Jae Grimes |
| 1997 | Oliver Ocasek | David L. King | Meghan Mitchell | Sheila McCombs |
| 1998 | Ben Rose | David L. King | Bridget Phillips | Stephen Hightower, II |
| 1999 | Ben Rose | David L. King | Alissa Ross | Melissa Mosko |
| 2000 | Ben Rose | David L. King | Samantha Cowne | Craig Klonowski |
| 2001 | Ben Rose | David L. King | Jamia Lewis | Patrick Matheny |
| 2002 | Ben Rose | David L. King | Andy Bartlett | Jesiah Brock |
| 2003 | Doug White | David L. King | Peter Corcoran | Drew Armstrong |
| 2004 | Doug White | David L. King | Michael McDermott | Peter Corcoran |
| 2005 | Jim Petro | David L. King | Lauren Dalton | Caroline DuWors |
| 2006 | Jim Petro | David L. King | Lauren Dalton | Collin Johnson |
| 2007 | Jon Husted | David L. King | Sandra Rittman | Myles Holt |
| 2008 | Jon Husted | David L. King | Joseph Cunningham | Erin Bittner |
| 2009 | Bill Harris | David L. King | Patrick Moloney | Sara Sohn |
| 2010 | Bill Harris | David L. King | Amber Cunningham | Katie Martin |
| 2011 | Thomas E. Niehaus & William G. Batchelder | David L. King | Robert Marshall | Andrew Naab |
| 2012 | Thomas E. Niehaus & William G. Batchelder | Lois Nelson | Abbey Larson | Zach Zugelder |
| 2013 | Keith Faber & William G. Batchelder | David L. King | Robby Steck | Timothy M. Barbera |
| 2014 | Keith Faber & William G. Batchelder | Thomas Starr | Robby Steck | Emily Balzer |
| 2015 | Keith Faber & Cliff Rosenberger | Thomas Starr | Bryon Lord | Alex Tobin |
| 2016 | Keith Faber & Cliff Rosenberger | Thomas Starr | Nicholas Weaver | Lindsey Polcyn |
| 2017 | Larry Obhof & Cliff Rosenberger | Thomas Starr | Reed Allen | Lindsey Chapman |
| 2018 | Larry Obhof & Cliff Rosenberger | David Runkle | Molly Moore | Anne Tobin |
| 2019 | Larry Obhof | Chandler Grooms | Kade McClelland | Tyler Smith |
| 2020 | Larry Obhof & Larry Householder | David Cooper | Sarah Davison | Ali Winter |
| 2021 | Matt Huffman & Robert Cupp | David Cooper | Sarah Bowman | Kylie DeFoy |
| 2022 | Matt Huffman & Robert Cupp | David Cooper | Alex Jolly | Kaltra Woltz |
| 2023 | Matt Huffman & Robert Cupp | Tony Antonini | McKinley Morris | Donald Cruse |
| 2024 | Matt Huffman & Jason Stevens | David King | Kollier Fulton | Maggie Gilmore |
| 2025 | Steve Evans & Senator Doug White | David King | Kollier Fulton | Lucas Jolly |



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Waldock Performance Award Recipients

| Year | Recipient | Year | Recipient | Year | Recipient |
|------|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|----------------|
| 1981 | Tracy Miller | 2001 | Audrey Johnson | 2021 | Madison Adkins |
| 1982 | Rob Hoelscher | 2002 | Caitlin Quance | 2022 | Lauren Clagg |
| 1983 | Katrina Miller | 2003 | Andrea Cuny | 2023 | Jade Winters |
| 1984 | Laura Grant | 2004 | Clay Brett | 2024 | Maggie Gilmore |
| 1985 | Dave Biederman | 2005 | Sirena Robinson | | |
| 1986 | Lisa Stillwell | 2006 | Collin Johnson | | |
| 1987 | Malachi Goodwin | 2007 | Jed Cooper | | |
| 1988 | Harold Glenn | 2008 | Nathan Ochsenbein | | |
| 1989 | Darcy Mehling | 2009 | Sarah Craycraft | | |
| 1990 | Howard Marotto | 2010 | Erin Mizer | | |
| 1991 | Melissa Ward | 2011 | Andrew Naab | | |
| 1992 | Jennifer Buechler | 2012 | Zach Zugelder | | |
| 1993 | Chris Bridges | 2013 | Sarah Nestor | | |
| 1994 | Julie Dupps | 2014 | Carly Polcyn | | |
| 1995 | Teresa Barr | 2015 | Zach Kauffman | | |
| 1996 | Jeremy Blake | 2016 | Christian Stepp | | |
| 1997 | Grant Walters | 2017 | Lindsey Chapman | | |
| 1998 | Jamie Fout | 2018 | Mia Printz | | |
| 1999 | Lori Marshall | 2019 | Emma Stroth | | |
| 2000 | Lily Vu | 2020 | Zeke Lloyd | | |

YLA Mission and Vision

YLA's Mission

We believe that helping youth achieve their full potential is our primary mission. We seek to help youth develop leadership and citizenship skills for a lifelong commitment to service through character building programs for all that strengthen spirit, mind, and body.

YLA's Vision

People with a YLA experience will be in every community helping to create better futures for all.



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YOUTH LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION

Distinguished Service Award Recipients

| Year | Recipient | Year | Recipient |
|------|----------------------------|------|--|
| 1953 | C. William O'Neill | 1992 | Donald Roberts |
| 1954 | Frank J. Lausche | 1993 | Karen Yeager |
| 1955 | William H. Eells | 1994 | Dick Vogt |
| 1956 | Dr. Howard Bevis | 1995 | David King |
| 1957 | Carl V. Weygandt | 1996 | Michael J. Price |
| 1958 | Carl Guess | 1997 | Keith H. Brooks |
| 1959 | Jesse Yoder | 1998 | Al Covelli |
| 1960 | Kline Roberts | 1999 | Oliver Ocasek |
| 1961 | James M. Williams | 2000 | Joann Davidson |
| 1962 | Oliver Ocasek | 2001 | Richard Finan |
| 1963 | Harry Corkwell | 2002 | Priscilla Mead |
| 1965 | Richard Grinstead | 2003 | Carolyn Towner |
| 1966 | John W. Brown | 2004 | Bob Blazer |
| 1967 | Ted W. Brown | 2005 | Charlie Creamer |
| 1968 | Kingsley Taft | 2006 | Bill Napier |
| 1969 | Al Deiss | 2007 | Mark Cannon |
| 1972 | Dr. Martin Essex | 2008 | Bill Morgan |
| 1973 | Charles Fry | 2009 | Denise Armstrong, Bob Eisnagle, Theresa Mulligan, Rogen Stargel, Denise Stieritz |
| 1974 | Henry O'Neill, Jr. | 2010 | John King |
| 1975 | William McDonald | 2011 | Ge Volunteers And Ge Aviation Peebles Test Operation |
| 1976 | C. William O'Neill | 2012 | Thomas E. Niehaus |
| 1976 | Sen. Oliver Ocasek | 2013 | William G. Batchelder |
| 1977 | Richard Celeste | 2014 | David Daniels |
| 1978 | Martin Hecht | 2015 | Vincent Keeran |
| 1979 | James Nesbitt | 2015 | Brad Young |
| 1980 | John Mahaney | 2016 | John & Annie Glenn |
| 1981 | Robert Berger | 2017 | Robert R. Cupp, |
| 1982 | Robert H. Atkinson | 2017 | Howard F. Wise |
| 1983 | Dr. Franklin B. Walter | 2018 | Cliff Rosenberger |
| 1984 | Donald B. Leach, Jr. | 2019 | Bob Peterson |
| 1985 | Ben Rose | 2020 | Mike DeWine |
| 1986 | Robert L. Reed | 2021 | Steve Evans |
| 1987 | Anthony J. Celebreeze, Jr. | 2022 | Robert Waldock |
| 1988 | Bertram Gardner | 2023 | David King |
| 1989 | Stephen Eibling | 2024 | William "Bill" Morgan |
| 1990 | Thomas J. Moyer | | |
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