

# WHERE WE BEGIN

The Forge Leadership Summit



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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

A super-spy, a professional basketball player, and a leading attorney walked into a conference room ... It's no joke, the 2021 Forge Leadership Summit had amazing speakers from fascinating backgrounds! We were pleased to welcome incredible featured guests like Jim Olson, the most accomplished American spy in the Cold War, who spoke on dedication and God's calling to sacrifice and do hard things for your country and fellow man. He even shared some (now-declassified) harrowing stories of his work abroad – acts of heroism that make “Mission Impossible” seem like child's play.

Each July, the Forge Summit is the launchpad where new students begin their Forge journey and many start their yearlong onramp into the conservative movement through the subsequent Forge Mentorship Academy. This year, students from all around the Midwest and the nation joined Forge for five days of intensive training and networking.

No matter how many new classes we welcome at the Forge Summit, I am always struck by the unique experience each year. Every young person we meet has their own story and inspiring dreams and goals. In this newsletter, I want to introduce you to some of these 2021 Summit attendees so you can join me in celebrating the many stories that God is writing for each of them. You'll read



feedback from these students who are new to Forge and from seasoned alumni who volunteered freely of their time to coach and support the new Summit attendees.

Like me, you might observe the hand of God at work in all these stories, not only in each individual's life, but also in the collective tale that God is telling through all of us – students, staff, and supporters. God uses Forge to weave these stories, goals, and dreams together to impact our lives and the lives of fellow Americans. We are all bound together by the vision of courageous, servant-hearted leaders seeking the good of the communities around them. On that note, the excerpt you'll find from Joseph Backholm's keynote talk “Save the World Without Losing Yourself” has a challenging message for us all to remember the true purpose of our work.

I hope you enjoy this look into the 2021 Forge Leadership Summit.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Adam'.

ADAM JOSEFCZYK  
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# REFUGE FROM WOKEISM

SAMUEL MANGOLD-LENETT

It is a difficult time to be a young conservative.

If you dare to think for yourself and challenge the leftist orthodoxy peddled by universities, corporations, and popular culture, you run the risk of losing everything. Increasingly so, being a conservative — or by today's standards, someone who just not sufficiently 'woke' enough — puts you at odds with the majority of the powers-that-be. Should you want to enter corporate America upon graduation, there is a good chance the companies you hope to work for oppose just about everything you stand for, and your leftist peers will view your dissent from groupthink as a license to



drag your name through the mud.

That is why organizations like the Forge Leadership Network are crucial. During the annual Forge Summit, Forge provides young conservatives refuge from the daily onslaught of progressive leftism. It enables like-minded individuals from around the country to congregate, share their stories, and learn from some of the best minds in the conservative movement. It may only be for five days, but the experience leaves a long-lasting impression. Any young conservative who goes through the program leaves it feeling reinvigorated and ready to fight for their beliefs.

I had the privilege of attending the Forge Summit this past Summer before starting law school; doing so helped me take the next step forward in my personal journey. With the knowledge I gained from the experience and the reassurance that I wasn't alone in my convictions, I feel more confident pursuing my studies. I know that even in the most crowded rooms, there are other men and women who — like me — have had enough with the lies they are told daily. Despite



the considerable odds against us, I know that we will prevail if we stick together and lift each other up.

I wanted to participate in the Forge Mentorship Academy for two main

reasons: I desire to continue growing in my convictions among like-minded peers from across the country whom I met at the Forge Summit, and the Academy has a transformative effect on those who participate in it. The men and women from past Academy sessions have gone on to flourish in their careers, studies, and personal lives.

I seek to have an impact on my community and to help people through my future endeavors. I am more confident in my ability to bring this vision to fruition after attending the Forge Summit and participating in the Mentorship Academy.

**Across:** Sam stands at the speaker's podium in the Ohio Statehouse.

**Left:** Forge Alumna Dinora Ruiz sits with Sam during the legislative hearings on the statehouse floor.

**Below:** Students taking their oath during the legislative simulation.



# POLITICAL PILLS

JOSHUA SCHUTTE

My experience with politics is an abundance of headaches. New federal policies, presidential candidates, America's foreign policy, state legislation, and the whole laundry list of hot political topics have always brought me arguments and annoyance. As a general rule, I avoid talking about politics because I am never sure who will yell at me or look at me like I am a complete idiot. The America we live in is not particularly friendly towards traditional Christian conservatism, especially for college students. Much of this changed when I



was connected with Forge Leadership Network. I was originally referred to the program by a friend who was heavily involved in politics. I decided to go to the Summit because I love learning about new things, and the reviews spoke highly of Forge's Summit as a great educational experience. Although this was true of



my experience as well; however, the overarching theme for me was personal connections and support. The talks and activities provided incredibly useful knowledge, but the connections with 80 students my age who had similar ideals was by far the most valuable thing I received. The time to talk, connect, and work with them gave me new friendships and insightful conversations.

Making friends over the course of a week seems improbable for long term connections, but this experience was the exception. The people I met were in similar walks of life, struggling with the same things, and in need of the same network that Forge was building in that week. The schedule for the week was packed with speakers and activities, and there were a number of parts that really stood out to me. Campaign-In-A-Day, the talk on espionage, and the legislative simulation sessions were particularly impactful, but the time between all of it was the most important.

The times when I talked with the people around me between presentations, or the mealtimes where I discussed ideas with new acquaintances, or even the conversations on bus rides to and from the statehouse, these were the most impactful moments of Forge. I was able to connect with a large number of like-minded peers in ways that I rarely get to anywhere else. I felt supported and encouraged in my beliefs and thoughts on policy. Even when I disagreed with someone on a topic, it was a civil dialogue that I could tell was well thought out and informed. It was possibly the largest group of people I had ever been in that

searched for truth and were guided by good morals and principles.

Forge acted for me like Advil, helping me work with politics rather than giving up because of the headache. It gave me practical and historical knowledge, but more importantly it gave me a network to support me. Our country needs good young leaders, and those young leaders need each other. Forge mentors the next generation of leaders, and by putting them together, is creating a network that will change this country for the best.

*Want to hear more from Joshua? Watch our new Forge video at [forgeleadership.org](https://forgeleadership.org) or by scanning the code with your phone.*



**Across Left:** Joshua with fellow 2021 Summit attendee during Campaign-In-A-Day.

**Above Right:** Joshua speaking on behalf of a bill at the Ohio Statehouse during the Summit legislative simulation.

# *Forge First-Hand*



Every year, we host “Forge-For-A-Day” and our Showcase Reception during the Summit so that people of all ages can get a glimpse of the Forge experience.

This year, Forge welcomed supporters and friends of Forge to the statehouse for a tour of the capitol, the opportunity to join our students in their committee hearings and on the statehouse floor, the chance to hear from some of our students’ favorite speakers, and a special reception featuring Forge alumni and Ohio’s top U.S. Senate candidates.

The day began at the Ohio Statehouse as Forge-For-A-Day attendees gathered in the rotunda to prepare for a tour led by Madeleine Castle who is a Forge alumna and Legislative Aide. One of the peculiarities of the capitol is the distinctive pink color of the walls, a feature many visitors find a surprisingly bold selection. This color is on account

of the building’s origins in the Greek Revival style which popularized pink.

After the tour, attendees had the opportunity to join Forge students in their committee rooms. Part of the unique experience of the Summit is the student’s participation in the legislative session. Before the week of the Summit, attendees draft their own bills which will be challenged and refined in committee meetings. Forge-For-A-Day attendees get to join in on the lively debate over a litany of topics ranging from tax legislation to pro-life advancements to whether private businesses could mandate a vaccine (some of this “mock” legislation mirrors real current events). Once the committees have decided which bills will

**Below:** Cold War spy Jim Olson and board member Joan and Jose Quintana with Forge President and Co-Founder Adam Josefczyk at the 2021 Forge Leadership Summit.



move forward, the group heads to the statehouse floor to hear the arguments and debate new legislation as a full legislative body.

Board member Joan Quintana remembered her experience: “Being a part of Forge for a Day was not only fun, it was encouraging. To see these amazing young leaders play out the roles of legislators with such confidence and conviction, gave me a sense of hope for the future. Then to hear them ask insightful questions of presenters demonstrated a sincere desire of participants to understand foundational principals of our faith.”

Forge-For-A-Day participants are a key aspect of the Summit student’s

experience, offering wisdom and insight in the committee and hearings. Students also get to practice their networking skills with these Forge champions and friends at the Showcase Reception following the day’s events.

Current Forge Academy member Anna Young reflected on the evening by saying, “Meeting the generous Forge Supporters at the showcase reception night was invaluable. The night was truly reflective of the type network Forge creates. The night was filled with laughter, encouragement, and wisdom— elements our world seems to lack.”

The Showcase Reception is also an important event for our Academy class



**Above:** Attendees sit with Forge students on the statehouse floor during bill hearings.

**Top Right:** Forge Academy member talks with supporters during the Forge Showcase Reception.

**Bottom Right:** Forge Summit students show attendees a bill on the statehouse floor.





**Above:** Students and Forge-For-A-Day attendees participate in a committee hearing.

**Above Left:** Alumni and attendees listen to Ohio's top U.S. Senate candidates during the showcase reception.

**Right:** A Forge student chats with an attendee of the Showcase Reception about medical reform.



who celebrated their graduation from the Forge Mentorship Academy.

2020-2021 Forge Academy graduate Emily Krikke remembers the Showcase Reception: "Being surrounded at the Forge Showcase Reception by other conservative, like-minded individuals who I now call close friends, was a wonderful experience I won't soon forget. It was an exciting time to officially become a Forge graduate, and being able to celebrate that special moment with great friends was a moment I'll

cherish."

This year, Forge welcomed Ohio's top U.S. Senate candidates to speak at the Showcase to the nearly two hundred attendees. They each shared their vision for conservatism and advice for young conservatives beginning their career.

Forge-For-A-Day and Showcase Reception were the icing on top of a wonderful Summit week. We were thrilled to welcome Forge Champions and advocates for a day of learning, fellowship, and encouragement.

# Individual Act Col



"Since Forge, I've worked in engineering, received my flying wings with the Air Force, founded a PAC and a 501c4, and was the Republican nominee for U.S. Congress in western Pennsylvania"

Luke Negron, 2016-2017



"Currently, I am serving as the Director of Public Policy at the Minnesota Council. In this role, I work with minded legislators to advance pro-family, and pro-religious liberty in the Minnesota state legislature."

Veronica Missli



"As the director of Helping Hands Pregnancy Resource Center, I lead our team as we share the gospel and equip women and men to make life-affirming choices. Already we have seen two women change their mind about abortion and choose life for their child"

Bryce Asberg, 2018-2019

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"I am currently a first year student at the Liberty University School of Law as well as an Editor-In-Chief for the Liberty University Journal of Statesmanship & Public Policy. Forge was an integral part of my decision to go to law school and to learn how laws are made so that I can do my part to protect our God-given rights and liberties."

Bess Blackburn, 2019-2020



"I'm working at FP1 Strategies, a Republican consulting firm as a digital strategist. We just had great success supporting Winsome Sears in her election to Lt. Governor of Virginia!"

Alec Sears, 2016-2017

# AT THE HEART OF IT

AUSTIN GLOVER

A few cold January days in D.C. changed my life.

At the start of 2020, I was halfway through my sophomore year of college and the world was wide open to me. My studies in business at Ohio State had mostly taught me that I was destined to spend the next 40 years in a cubicle, but thanks to Forge I know that opportunities existed to pursue a career in the public square. The Forge Summit opened my eyes to this intriguing but foreign space, and over six months I eagerly soaked up all the knowledge I could on our monthly calls. I was beginning to put a roadmap together, but still didn't know which direction to go. That all changed at Forge D.C. Over a week in D.C. I excitedly explored the city and the work being done here with my fellow Academy members. Through visits to think tanks and embassies, I began to think that our nation's capital might be a good place to set my sights on.

Our time in the capital convinced me of this. After some time gawking at the sights, we sat down and learned about careers on the Hill. Aside from Mark Meadows, Josh Hawley and Jim Jordan, speakers included chiefs of staff and Forge Board member Dan Ziegler. Listening to these public policy professionals share about their careers made me realize that I could put my interests and skills to use on the Hill, and



my excitement in visiting the city turned into a conviction to find my way back to this center of power and become more than a spectator to the consequential business it undertakes on a daily basis.

Thanks to Forge, I did. Dan Ziegler became not only my career mentor but my boss, and our Forge tour guide Peter Burns is now my roommate. My time with Forge, and especially that fateful week a year and a half ago, not only showed me that opportunities existed to pursue a career that I was passionate about, but encouraged me to actually go for it.

I am incredibly blessed to be working on the Hill as the Special Assistant to Congressman Jim Banks, and every day that I walk past the Capitol rotunda on the way to my office I take a minute to remember that without Forge I would absolutely not be where I am today. But what really counts is that Forge not only showed me what to do and how to do it, but why. A year and a half ago, I was not only uncertain about what my future held career-wise but also trying to figure

out my faith.

I had been reading the Bible and liked to think that I was a Christian, but something was holding me back from true faith. Conversations with family, classmates and fellow Academy members had encouraged me to make an effort to follow Christ, but I finally found Him that week in D.C. A fellow Academy member's dad told us a story about an encounter he had at a gas station in which he saw God at work. I won't attempt to recount the story, but it truly moved me. It had an immediate impact on me, but I didn't dwell on it much or realize the significance then.

Over time, I realized that was the moment I fully accepted that God is real and that He is my savior. Sure, it's great that I am following my dreams of living in D.C. and working on the Hill, but none of this would matter if I wasn't following Christ. I'm thankful for the opportunities and connections that Forge has provided me with, but I'm most thankful for the role it played – and continues to play

**Below:** *Austin with his team during the 2019 Summit Campaign-In-A-Day*



– in my pursuit of Christ. I'm thankful that Dan shared what it's like to work on the Hill, but more thankful that he shared what it's like to be a worker for Christ on the Hill. I'm thankful that Peter welcomed me into his home, but more thankful that he welcomed me into his church.

Forge continues to be a blessing in my life. This summer I had the opportunity to serve as a student mentor at the Forge Summit, an experience through which I was able to relive the amazing experience that is the Summit from a new perspective. My week as a student mentor gave me a new appreciation for the work that the Forge team does, and it was incredibly inspiring to see Forge give another 80 young conservatives energy and direction in their lives.

Looking forward, I can't wait to join my Forge friends this December in retracing the steps of Jesus in the Holy Land. Being a young adult is an exciting season of life, a time in which the world is full of possibilities. But without direction, these possibilities will remain just that. Even the most ambitious, clear-eyed young adults need direction as to not only what career to choose, but how to navigate the next steps and, most importantly, why they should even bother. Thanks to Forge, the possibilities that God set before me have turned into realities.

What amazes me the most is that my story is far from unique. I continue to see God working through Forge in the lives of so many others. Forge is truly equipping the next generation of conservative leaders, and I am proud to call each and every one of these people my friends.

# DEBATE TO DECISION

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I had the honor to attend the Forge Leadership Network Summit at the end of July. I had been in my local homeschool speech and debate club for the majority part of my academic career and was attending an online speech and debate summit hosted by our umbrella league National Christian Forensics & Communications Association (NCFCA), when I first heard of Forge.

In August of 2020, I was at my desk participating in the online summit to learn about the new resolutions and speech categories, as well as to learn how to become a better student leader. The NCFCA had partnered with Forge to



award four students with a scholarship to attend the Forge Summit. Since Forge is geared toward older students, our host for the day wanted to choose students who would be able to take advantage of this opportunity. And so, I was selected from a group to receive the scholarship to attend the Summit that following year. At first, I was hesitant and unsure if I was



going to attend. With senior year and the new competition season, attending the Summit was not at the forefront of my mind. But as the summer of 2021 approached, I was reminded about Forge and decided I would attend.

I am very glad that I decided to attend the Forge Leadership Network Summit. I never saw politics as my forte, but I enjoyed every moment and Forge opened a new world to me. I made some great memories and met some amazing friends. From arguing on the floor of the Ohio Statehouse to relaxing at the conference center, 80 strangers became friends in the course of a week.

After the Summit was over, I was invited to apply for the Mentorship Academy. I applied, but I didn't know if I would be one of the students to be chosen since my interests are not directly political. I am currently working towards my degree in culinary arts. Like I said before, politics is not my forte. I can make conversation about politics and current events but I am not on a career path heading toward

D.C. or state capitals. Since the majority of the lectures and careers I heard at Forge were politically oriented, I was unsure I would "fit" into the group.

But, what I have come to realize is that politics is not just for politicians or policy researchers. Politics and policy affects all of us and is our collective responsibility as citizens.

I decided to join, and I am very excited for everything that is in store for this group. From just the short time we have conversed together, I know great things are to come and some great memories and friendships are waiting to happen. I can't wait to see what will be done through these amazing group of young adults, all engaged in their communities and nation in different ways, in the coming years.



**Across Left:** *The Forge class of 2021 at the Ohio Statehouse.*

**Left:** *Xin Xin standing at the speaker's podium.*

**Above Right:** *A team competes for election during the Campaign-In-A-Day challenge.*

*Save the World*



*Without Losing  
Yourself*

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Surrender your reputation.

This is particularly important for anybody who thinks they want to actually go into politics. Why do I emphasize this? Because we live in a world where everybody's being told to build your personal brand. The primary reason the church is not as effective as it could be in the world that we live in today is because we are way too concerned with how people who hate Jesus feel about us. We have created this environment where we want to be thought well of, even by a world that Jesus promised us would hate him and hate us because of him. No man can serve two masters. If we get stuck here, our effectiveness is going to be greatly harmed.

I ran the Family Policy Institute of Washington for 10 years in Washington State. I took that job in 2008. Just before that, it was the run up to the marriage issue. Then, national same sex marriage wasn't a thing yet, but domestic partnerships were being discussed. I was in a Bible study with a group of guys and I remember the statement that I said when we were having this conversation about whether I wanted to do this job. I said, "I just don't know if I want to be 'anti-same sex marriage guy' in Washington



State." Because I could see that coming, everybody knew that issue was coming and this organization was going to be out in front of that. I was uncomfortable with the idea that the thing people would most identify me with was opposition to same sex marriage. Because that doesn't define me in reality, but you don't really want other people to have that define you.

There are a handful of moments in which God has spoken to me, like interrupted my train of thought, and this was one of them. And He said, "You need to surrender your reputation." You've also been in church services, where people talk about surrendering your money, and your plans, and your relationships and all those things to God. If your reputation is important to you, the fear of man will control you and it will totally prevent you from being who God intended you to be. So, at that point in my life, I literally got on my knees and

then I said, "Jesus, if nobody else in the world thinks anything good about me, but you do, I'm fine with that."

That was the most freeing thing I've ever done in my life. Do I still struggle with the fear of man? Of course, I'm human. I ended up running the marriage campaign, and I was named the "Daily Douchebag" of The Strangers, Seattle's gay newspaper, so many times. The beauty of it was; I took the worst they had, and it was nothing. Everybody who loved me then still loves me now. In fact, I have a lot more friends now than I did then. A bunch of people who don't like me online, but what do I care? My life is infinitely better because of that.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia knew the tension between worldly power and heavenly purposes. He said, "God assumed from the beginning that the wise of the world would view Christians as fools...and He has not been disappointed. Devout Christians are destined to be regarded as fools in modern society. We are fools for Christ's sake. We must pray for courage to endure the scorn of the sophisticated world. If I have brought any message today it is this: Have the courage to have your wisdom regarded as stupidity. Be fools for Christ. And have the courage to suffer the contempt of the sophisticated world."

I'm going to finish with this story, which I know you're all familiar with, but there's a very current twist on the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. We have these three Israelite Jewish boys in captivity in Babylon which is a very hostile culture to the Jewish tradition.

These young men have actually gained a lot of authority because Nebuchadnezzar likes them; they're smart, they're industrious, and they're honest, so he's promoted them within the Babylonian government to positions of influence. But Nebuchadnezzar has a fidelity test, he creates the statue in the middle of the town square, a golden statue, and as a way of proving loyalty to Nebuchadnezzar everyone is told to gather and when the band plays, everyone will bow to the idol and in doing so, prove their loyalty and fidelity to Nebuchadnezzar. But when they blow the instruments, everybody bows except Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. King Nebuchadnezzar is not happy about this.

Daniel 3:13 says, "Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, 'Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up?'"

Now that's the question. Is it true that you don't serve idols? He knew they were Jews, because he had taken them from Israel, and they were captives in Babylon and he knew that they worshiped this god named Yahweh. He didn't mind that they had this Yahweh, so what was he objecting to? Fast forward, Jesus enters the Roman world, also a polytheistic culture. All sorts of gods that everybody worshipped with no objection to all of those other gods. But who did you have to worship? Caesar. The problem with the church in the first century was not that they worship Jesus, it's that they

asserted that there was no king but Jesus. They don't care if you claim to be a Christian. They just want to know if you're going to worship their gods, too. If you say you're a Christian, and you bow to their golden statues with rainbow flags, they're fine with you. The issue is if you don't worship their gods also.

So that's the question: is it true that you refuse to worship the golden statue that I have set up? Daniel 3:15 continues, "Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?" This is, in many ways, the challenge that is being given to the church today. Is it true that you don't worship the cultural idols that we have created? You better, otherwise, we're going to send a Twitter mob after you, or we're going to protest your business or any number of threats. It's a virtual, digital fiery furnace that they have at their disposal now.

Here's the response of these three young men: "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and He will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of

gold you have set up."

Their response is twofold. First, our God can rescue us from anything that threatens us. Second, we don't care if He doesn't, we're not worshipping your idols. We all want to be part of changing the culture, don't we? We want to make the world a better place. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego wanted to make the world a better place. Did God use their brilliance? Or their marketing acumen? Or their strategic mind to change the heart of the king? No... what did He use?

He used their obedience. He used their confidence in that God is who He said He is and that He could save them from anything. Because of that, the nation was turned, and God got all the glory and that's as it should be. God will not share it with you, and we shouldn't want Him to share the glory with us, because we don't deserve any of it anyway. So the application for us, as you go into whatever space that you're going to go into is that God is not primarily interested in your genius. He's interested in your obedience.

The impact that he makes with you in this life is not going to be primarily because of how awesome and talented and good looking you are. It's going to be because you believed who He is and that He is who He says He is. Because of your faith, he's able to do miracles that make it undeniable to everybody around you that God is real.

That's how He changes the world.

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# MEET THE 2021-2022 ACADEMY



## AIZESS JONES

Aizess, a native New Yorker, graduated from The City College in 2019 with a degree in Media, Culture, and the Arts and a minor in History. Since 2018, she has interned and volunteered with nonprofits focused on helping vulnerable children such as unborn babies, orphans, and foster youth. While she continues to gain the skills and knowledge necessary to better serve vulnerable children, she is privileged to pour love into her niece's mother. She currently works as the Financial Aid Associate helping guide students and parents through the financial aid process. She loves learning about all things West, reading, and meeting new people.

## DAVID KORN

David Korn is currently a 19-year-old student at Eastern State University Law, after the undergraduate work in Government, Politics and History at Liberty University. Korn is based in England, UK, the editors of the popular newspaper want activities like hiking, playing, and learning.



## DANIEL LAUCK

Daniel Lauck is a Junior at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutherford, NJ. He is majoring in Government & Law with minors in Pre-Law, Philosophy, Business Administration, and Economics. Daniel is currently the sitting VP of Fraternal Affairs for the Student Government Association, the 10th edition for Monk Trial, and the Founder/President of FDU's Young Americans for Liberty chapter.

## HOPE LIECHTY

From her hometown in East, Indiana, Hope Liechty is a student at York University, receiving an Associate degree in General Studies with concentrations in Communications and Business. She will earn her degree upon completion of her third semester in December 2021. Hope serves as a leader at First Merchants Bank, a place in customer banking has strengthened her customer service abilities, teaching her to handle "tough" things, needs with courtesy and professionalism. Hope appreciates trying new things and being outdoors. She is motivated to encourage others to seek truth and live their highest calling.



## ETHAN LAMOREAUX

Ethan Lamoreaux currently lives just north of Cincinnati, Ohio in a town called Lebanon. He is a sophomore at Millstone College and plans for the Millstone Chargers football team. Ethan is currently studying marketing with the hope to eventually own or start his own business in the field of sales.



## ATHERINE LATCHFORD

Atherine is a second-year student at Liberty University studying Public Policy, Public Health studies, and National Security. From the beach, she grew up near a 100-acre lake and became passionate about foreign affairs through Model UN, and her friendships with other high schoolers. Her areas of focus are Africa, Western Europe, and health affairs.



## SAM MANGOLD-LENETT

Samuel (Sam) Mangold-Lennett is a student at the Hill Salomon P. Chan College of Law, and other outside. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the Cincinnati Republic. Sam manages a 501(c)(3) foundation dedicated to supporting pediatric cancer research initiatives.

## MADDELYN MARTIN

Maddeelyn Martin is currently attending York University in Canada, where she is majoring in English. Maddeelyn wants to be able to advocate for people who are struggling in English. She is passionate about people, life and informing others about foster care because of her family's experience fostering.



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“There is **nothing** on this earth more  
to be prized than **true friendship**”

THOMAS AQUINAS



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