

# Introducing: The 2024 **GREWCOCK** **INTERN SCHOLARS**



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*Dear Mrs. Grewcock,*

*Thank you for your generous support of Young America's Foundation. Because of you, YAF's Grewcock Intern Scholars are receiving professional training and hands-on experience in advancing the Conservative Movement at YAF's National Headquarters in Reston, Virginia. Your support equips the next generation of conservative activists with the tools they need to share their beliefs on campus and in their future careers. Thank you for making a lasting impact on these young leaders and the future of our Movement.*

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# ISABELLA

# DINI

**UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA**

Isabella Dini is a rising junior at The University of Alabama. She is majoring in economics and political science and is on track to get her master's degree in quantitative economics.

Growing up with traditional values in a very liberal area, Isabella developed an interest in public policy and debate. Being raised by parents who grew up in socialist Romania, she was quick to push back on the hostile attitude her peers and teachers had towards the free market. Isabella attended the 2021 Delaware Girls State program organized by the American Legion Auxiliary and was selected to represent Delaware at the 2021 Girls Nation program. This further cemented her decision to work in public policy.

Isabella has been involved with YAF since her freshman year of university. She attended the 2022 National Conservative Student Conference shortly before joining the University of Alabama YAF chapter. As an active member, she has helped advertise and facilitate multiple events with speakers such as Matt Walsh, Yeonmi Park, and Vince Everett Ellison. She will be joining the executive board as treasurer this coming fall semester.



*Isabella attends the 2024 Orlando Freedom Conference.*



Isabella checks guests into the Buckley Breakfast hosted at YAF's Capitol Hill Townhouse.



Isabella sets out resources for Buckley Breakfast attendees.

Dear Mrs. Grewcock

Thank you for your support of Young America's Foundation. This internship has helped me learn to use my skills in a professional environment and has given me many opportunities to improve them. This experience has been invaluable, and it would not have been possible without you

Thank you again  
Isabella Dini



Isabella introduces a speaker at the National Conservative Student Conference.



Isabella and her YAF chapter pose for a photo after a speaking event with Vince Everett Ellison.



# NICOLE GILLIS

**UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA**

Nicole Gillis is a senior at the University of Tampa studying political science and international studies. Nicole first heard about YAF through the Michael Knowles Show and decided to attend her first conference in 2022 at the summer National Conservative Student Conference. Following the conference, Nicole was inspired to start a chapter at the University of Tampa where she serves as chair.

Under Nicole's leadership, the chapter has participated in YAF projects including the memorial for Israeli hostages and the Pro-life Timeline Project. The chapter has also hosted speakers Ian Haworth and Abby Johnson.

Nicole is most passionate about the pro-life movement. She is considering attending law school or graduate school after graduating but wants to advocate for conservative values. She is grateful for the opportunity to serve as an intern at YAF's headquarters. She is passionate about the work YAF is doing and is excited to help play a role in YAF's mission.



*Nicole and members of her YAF chapter host speaker Abby Johnson to combat the pro-abortion club's bias on their campus.*



Nicole joins other students at the Reagan Ranch Center in Santa Barbara, CA.



Nicole attends a YAF conference with her younger sister, Kylie, who is also involved in YAF.

Dear Mrs. Grewcock

Thank you so much for your generous support of the Young America's Foundation. Because of your support, YAF is able to provide students with resources and programs that help them to defend their beliefs. I am very thankful for my opportunity to intern at YAF's headquarters this summer because it gives me the chance to help carry out YAF's mission. I am especially excited to help run YAF's Buckley Breakfast Club and the National Conservative Student Conference as they are great opportunities to meet other conservative students. Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Gillis



Nicole attends her first March for Life in January 2024 with her friend and YAF chapter member.



Nicole introduces a speaker at the Reagan Forum in June 2024.



# JORDAN JANSON

**LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**

Jordan Janson became involved with Young Americans for Freedom during her freshman year of college at Liberty University, where she studied government with a focus on politics and policy and minored in international relations.

Shortly after attending her first conference in Reston, Virginia, Jordan joined the board of her YAF chapter at Liberty, serving as the vice chair her junior year and the chairwoman her senior year. During her time as chair, Jordan helped double the size of the chapter, cultivated a richer community of conservative students on campus, and hosted lectures from Vince Everett Ellison and George and Becky Norton Dunlop.

Jordan is excited to have the honor of spending her summer at YAF's national headquarters as a William & Berniece Grewcock Intern Scholar, where she looks forward to working alongside staff in empowering students in the Conservative Movement across the nation.



*Jordan engages with middle school students at the Museum of the Bible.*



Jordan introduces a speaker at the National Conservative Student Conference.



Jordan and her YAF chapter host the honorable George Dunlop and Becky Norton Dunlop.

Dear Mrs. Grewcock

Thank you so much for supporting the internship program at Young America's Foundation. Because of you, I can have hands-on experience in the Conservative Movement, make meaningful connections in the Washington D.C. area, and cultivate new relationships with fellow interns and staff. The experience I am gaining and the memories I am making throughout this summer would not have been possible without your generous support!

Blessings,

Jordan Janson  
Liberty University



Jordan and fellow intern, Nicole, visit the Capitol during the National High School Leadership Conference.



Jordan speaks with a student during a tabling initiative at Liberty University.



# JASMYN JORDAN

**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

Jasmyn Jordan is the National Chair of Young Americans for Freedom. She is from Bloomington-Normal, Illinois and is a rising senior at the University of Iowa where she is an honors presidential scholar double majoring in political science and international relations with a minor in news and media literacy.

Since her freshman year, she has been an active member of the executive board of Iowa YAF. She quickly advanced to the role of chairwoman. Her chapter won the YAF Chapter of the Year Award in 2023 and has hosted many speakers including Kellyanne Conway, Lt. Col. Allen West, Matt Walsh, and Chloe Cole. Notable initiatives that her chapter has been involved in include the Stand for Israel Memorial, Freedom Week, When Does Life Begin?

Timeline, Ronald Reagan Birthday Celebration, and DeTransitioner Visibility Tabling. Jasmyn has also interned and volunteered on political campaigns at the local, statewide, and national level for some of the fiercest conservative warriors. She has also appeared on Fox News, *New York Times*, Yahoo News, *The New Guard* and many more. Jasmyn also testified in front of the Congressional House Judiciary Committee on Free Speech and Antisemitism on College Campuses.



*Jasmyn introduces Babylon Bee CEO Seth Dillon at the Orlando Freedom Conference.*



Jasmyn advocates for detransitioner, Chloe Cole, whom she hosted on her campus.



Jasmyn hosts Kellyanne Conway as one of her first events as a YAF member.

Dear Mrs. Greucok

Thank you for your generous support of Young America's Foundation, which has given me the incredible opportunity to serve as a National Fellow this summer. Your support has made it possible for me to learn, grow, and contribute to the cause of freedom, individual responsibility, and American exceptionalism. Your commitment to the next generation of leaders is truly inspiring. Please know that your investment in my education and development will be put to the best possible use as I strive to uphold and advance the ideals we both cherish. Thank you once again for your remarkable kindness and thoughtfulness. With heartfelt appreciation,  
Jasmyn Jordan



Jasmyn and chapter member, Justin, set up the 9/11 Never Forget Project on an early, rainy morning.



Jasmyn and Iowa YAF win Chapter of the Year at the NCSC program.



# LUKE

# HRUSKA

**UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS**

Luke Hruska is a student at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland where he just finished his first year of study. He is majoring in international relations and modern history.

Luke took a keen interest in politics at the age of 12 and largely credits YAF's campus lectures, books, and online resources with his becoming a conservative. Attending extremely liberal schools his entire life, Luke became captivated by the interconnection of politics and education. Specifically, he acutely noticed the hegemony of liberal ideas and agendas in education. William F. Buckley quickly became a hero of Luke's. In turn, *God and Man at Yale* and the Sharon Statement became guiding forces in his life. Upholding the American

principles of free enterprise and a strong national defense is especially important to Luke.

Luke is thrilled to be a Grewcock Intern Scholar at YAF this summer where he can work to combat the ubiquitous liberal bias on campuses throughout the nation. He views working at YAF as the genuine beginning of a lifetime in the Conservative Movement.



Luke welcomes students to YAF's Buckley Breakfast session.



Luke and fellow intern Irengre help out with the Q&A line for the National Conservative Student Conference..



Luke introduces a speaker at the National High School Leadership Conference.

Dear Mrs. Greweck,

I'm so grateful for your incredible generosity that made this internship possible. Working at Young America's Foundation this summer is truly a dream come true for me. My role in advocating and standing boldly for the conservative ideals foundational to our great nation wouldn't be possible without your support,

Thanks again for making this opportunity a reality,

LL

Luke Hruska

the University of St. Andrews



Luke and fellow intern Michael pose with a cutout of President Reagan.



Luke asks Governor Scott Walker a question at Buckley Breakfast Club hosted at YAF's Capitol Hill Townhouse.



# IRENGE NKERE

**BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE**

Irengé Nkere is a rising junior at Belmont Abbey College studying history with a minor in international relations. He also runs cross country and track at Belmont Abbey and serves as the Class of 2026 Student Government Vice President. He hopes to work in foreign/international relations or join the Navy after graduating.

Irengé was first introduced to YAF through the Free Enterprise Leadership Conference at the Foundation's National Headquarters during his junior year of high school. After this conference, he was properly introduced to conservative values and found something he was politically passionate about.

From there he attended the Reagan Ranch Conference, Standing Up for Faith and Freedom, and the National

Conservative Student Conference in 2022 and 2023. Through these conferences, the staff, and the people he met, he grew passionate about YAF and what they offer to students.



*Irengé and friend Jamari pose for a photo with Riley Gaines.*



Irengé takes a photo with with Steve Forbes at the Free Enterprise Leadership Conference at YAF's National Headquarters.



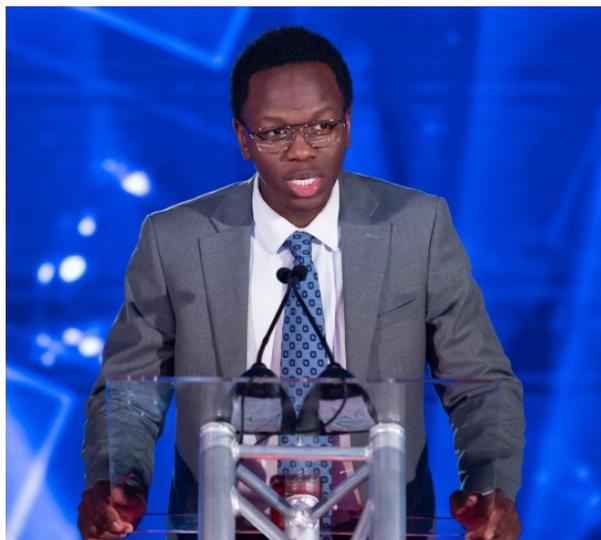
Irengé attends the National Conservative Student Conference in 2022.

Dear Mrs. Browncock

I would like to thank you for your generous gift to Young America's Foundation. I am excited to work for an organization that has helped me and so many students. This internship will help me take a deeper dive in the conservative movement. The work YAF is able to accomplish with the help of supporters is truly pivotal and life changing for many people.

Most sincerely,

Irengé Uhere



Irengé introduces a speaker at the National Conservative Student Conference.



Irengé poses with Zuby at the National Conservative Student Conference in 2021.



# MICHAEL RUFFENNACH

**COLORADO COLLEGE**

Michael was born and raised on the Eastern Shore of Maryland but now lives in Gunnison, Colorado. He is a rising junior at Colorado College studying political science. He stays active as a member of the lacrosse team and YAF chapter. After graduation, Michael plans on attending law school to study constitutional law.

Michael comes from a strong conservative family that instilled in him traditional values of hard work and fiscal responsibility.

His family provided the opportunity to attend a Reagan Ranch High School Conference. After attending the high school conference, he was inspired to learn more about the Conservative Movement.

Michael is a conservative because he values how conservatism promotes individual agency and opportunity. Michael is especially passionate about protecting free speech rights. He is very excited to Intern for Young America's Foundation so he can continue to grow and learn more about the conservative movement.



*Michael introduces a speaker at the National Conservative Student Conference.*



Michael with Speaker of the House Mike Johnson following his speech at the National Conservative Student Conference.



Michael and fellow intern Nicole helping with registration at the National High School Leadership Conference.

Dear Mrs. Grewlock

I'm thrilled to be working at Young America's Foundation this summer. Your support has made it possible for me to gain valuable experiences and make lifelong memories. Without your generosity, I wouldn't have had the opportunity to learn from great conservative leaders and advocate for the beliefs I am passionate about. I'm deeply grateful for your support in making this internship a reality.

In Freedom,  
 Michael Ruffennach  
 Colorado College '26'



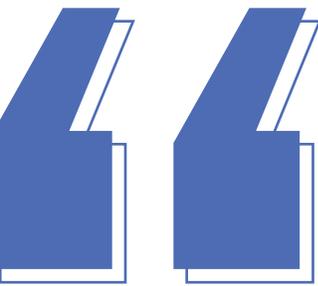
Luke, Michael, and Irengé pose for a photo at the Buckley Breakfast Club at YAF's Capitol Hill Townhouse.



Michael and Congressman French Hill converse at a Buckley Breakfast session.

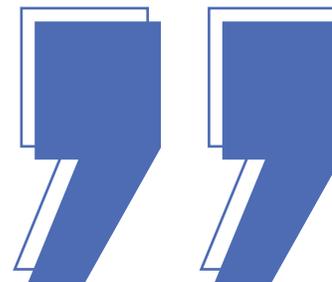






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is leading the next generation  
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The Foundation's dedication to  
***helping students defend*** their  
conservative values is essential to  
***combatting the leftist ideology***  
that is ***permeating society and***  
***threatening freedom*** and the  
foundational values of America.

- *Nicole Gillis*



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