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## Kyle Thaller

Kyle is 19 years and is focused upon making a difference. He is a sophomore at the Westover Honors College at the University of Lynchburg and is currently serving as a member of the Student Government representing the class of 2025 as a Senator, is a member of the Student Judicial Board, and is a member of both the college Democrats and Republicans. His main ambition is to serve as a federal prosecutor and/or Foreign Service Officer prior to entering national politics and public service. Kyle had planned on attending the U.S. Naval Academy and becoming a Navy SEAL as a segue into this career. However, six years ago, Kyle was diagnosed with Type-1 Diabetes (T1D). Rather than giving up on his dreams, he resolved to become a global leader by "Saving Lives by Never Giving Up" and formed *Kyle's Campaigns for Change* (KCC) with two areas of focus: Humanitarian and Policy.

Over the past three years, KCC-Humanitarian has provided nearly two million dollars of diabetic supplies to diabetes clinics in Uganda, South Sudan, and Sudan. In 2019, Kyle gave several speeches on KCC and Africa's diabetic issues, including the Davos-on-the-Delta conference in Memphis, TN, and the Keynote Speech at the PWCS Global Leadership conference (audience of nearly 2,000) to a standing ovation.

Kyle served as a U.S. Senate Page on behalf of Senator Mark Warner (Democrat-Virginia) living and attending school in Washington, D.C. while working in the U.S. Senate Chamber in the Spring 2020. He and 29 other young future leaders gained a unique perspective of federalism while closely interacting with our country's leadership. The Pages' personalities were a mirror image of the United States, and so Kyle uniquely served as a bridge between the Republican and Democrat Pages' polarizing views and helped everyone get along.

This experience inspired Kyle to develop a project promoting federalism in South Sudan with nine Page classmates as part of the KCC-Policy arm. Until this time, formal Post-Page activities had never occurred in the 195-year history of the Senate Page program. Kyle and his team of ten former Pages, including Pages from both Republican and Democrat Majority/Minority Senators, multiple genders, and multiple races originated the "*Federalist Letters of South Sudan*," consisting of essays on various federalism-based concepts oriented to helping the new government of South Sudan avert a return to civil war and develop a new constitution. Kyle personally presented this project to the South Sudan First Vice President, the Minister of Federal Affairs, and several other Ministers in October 2020.

Currently, KCC is developing a new program for young leaders in South Sudan called *Row4Life* (<https://row4life.org/>) that aims to bring the sport of Rowing to South Sudan as a means of creating the South Sudan leaders of tomorrow. Kyle has also served as the inspiration for other organizations, such as *Spread Your Wings* (<https://www.syw-impact.org/>), focused on empowering women in South Sudan and *Help Kids 2 Live* (<https://helpkids2live.org>), initially focused on an orphanage in South Sudan. Video clips and dozens of articles about Kyle and KCC can be found at <https://KCC-T1D.com>.

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## **OBJECTIVE**

- Criminal prosecutor and/or Foreign Service Officer as a segue into national public service and elected office
- Global impact through *Kyle's Campaigns for Change* (KCC); <https://KCC-T1D.com>
  - Humanitarian projects (e.g., Type-1 diabetes advocacy and support; See below)
  - Policy & Federalism projects (e.g., new constitution in South Sudan; See below)

## **EDUCATION**

- Westover Honors College at the University of Lynchburg (Lynchburg, VA); est. 2025
  - Major: Political Science; Minor: International Relations; GPA 3.7
- Patriot High School (Nokesville, VA); 2021
  - AP Scholar
  - Principal's Award for Overall #1 Student (2,500 students)
- U.S. Senate Page School (Daniel Webster Hall, Washington, D.C.)
  - Grade 11 (2<sup>nd</sup> semester)
  - Elite, self-contained boarding school in Washington, D.C. for 30 high school Juniors sponsored by their Senator; School was from 5 am to 9 am daily

## **EMPLOYMENT**

- University of Lynchburg; International Relations Research Assistant (Fall 2021-present)
  - Only Freshman in student body selected to assist with academic research
  - Project is focused upon effect of Cuba's use of medical internationalism as a soft power technique to gain influence in third world countries
- United States Senate; U.S. Senate Page (January-June 2020)
  - Competitively selected by Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) and Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) with offer of sponsorship; Accepted official nomination from Senator Warner
  - Employed by U.S. Senate (W-2 Status) and worked on Senate Floor (in Senate Chamber) alongside Senators whenever the U.S. Senate was in session
  - Lived in Daniel Webster Hall in Washington D.C with the other 29 Pages
  - Prepared Senate Chamber and assisted U.S. Senators on administrative and logistic tasks whenever the Senate was in Session; This was done in teams of two Democratic Pages and two Republican Pages
  - Noteworthy involvement
    - Present on the Senate floor during the second half of Impeachment of President Donald Trump (1-20-20 onwards)
    - Attended the *2020 State of the Union Address* from the House Floor
    - Hand delivered numerous bills and notes among and between Senators, House Impeachment Managers and Chief Justice Roberts on U.S Senate Floor.

- One of only two Pages that knew the names, faces, and background of all 100 Senators on Day 1, and so worked in a bipartisan fashion until the remainder of the Pages could catch up; this was unique, since Pages normally support only the Party from which they were nominated
- Established rapport with Pages of both Parties; this was unique, uncommon, and a personal strength
- Provided strategies, thoughts, and tactics to the U.S. Sergeant at Arms and the Page Program leadership about what and how Pages could work together on projects, post-employment.
- Known among the Pages as “Mr. Bipartisan”; This was later proven through his post-page project (South Sudan Federalism Project). See below.

## ACTIVITIES

- Kyle’s Campaigns for Change (KCC); Founder
  - Kyle was diagnosed with Type-1 Diabetes (T1D) on April 27, 2015 and was disqualified from attending the U.S. Navy as well as the U.S. Naval Academy as T1D’s are legally disabled. Rather than giving up on his dreams, he resolved to "Save Lives by Never Giving Up" and formed *Kyle’s Campaigns for Change* (KCC).
  - KCC has two focus areas: 1) Humanitarian, and 2) Policy.
  - <https://KCC-T1D.com> is an archive of past presentations, speeches, trips, and accomplishments for KCC.
- KCC Humanitarian Projects
  - Saving Lives of Diabetics
    - Projects are in Khartoum, Sennar, & Hasaheisa, Sudan, and in Juba, S. Sudan
    - Procuring and donating medical supplies to hospitals and clinics
    - Facilitated donation of nearly \$2,000,000 of donated insulin. This support is indefinite on a monthly basis and has saved the lives of nearly 100 T1D children to date.
    - Financially supporting entire staff for the two clinics in Juba, South Sudan, using the money earned as a U.S. Senate Page
    - Visited Juba, South Sudan (August 2019 and September/October 2020); Civil War tensions still very high; Level 4 Travel Ban (“Do not travel”) in effect
    - Met with S. Sudan and Sudan officials from government, law enforcement and healthcare.
    - Keynote presentation at Jubek Ministry of Health Training-of-Trainers Diabetes Conference (August 2019)
    - Presented and discussed diabetes pandemic with the SS 1st Vice President (October 2, 2020)
      - ◆ One-on-one for nearly 2 hours.
      - ◆ Television news brief afterwards
      - ◆ Presented special gifts as well as hard-copy presentations
  - Helping Orphans; (see <https://helpkids2live.org>); Inspiration for founder
    - Supporting Divine Mercy Action (DMA, a Comboni Missionary) Orphanage in Kabo, Luri County (near Juba), South Sudan.

- Meeting with Pope Francis on July 6, 2022
- Row4Life (see <https://row4life.org>); Founder
  - Using the sport of rowing to nurture the new leaders of South Sudan by identifying athletic prodigies and assisting with scholarships to top-tier schools.
  - Competitions in South Sudan will use Concept-2 ergs (e.g. rowing machines) and provide an alternative to ethnic fighting.
  - Program is just starting, with initial erg machines delivered in summer 2022.
- KCC Policy Projects
  - Founder and Leader of Spring-2020 U.S. Senate Page South Sudan Federalism Project; July-October 2020
    - *Federalism: A New Constitution and Peace in South Sudan; Perspectives from Spring-2020 U.S. Senate Pages*
      - ◆ Various ideas about promoting federalism were developed by my Page classmates and written up as essays, to be later anonymously published in various newspapers and media outlets in South Sudan; These *Federalist Letters of South Sudan* will be directly akin to the *Federalist Papers* written just after the U.S. independence 250 years ago.
    - Developed, led, and executed with nine other U.S. Senate Pages. To best of my knowledge, this is first instance of the U.S. Senate Pages ever working together on a project, post-employment from the U.S. Senate.
    - Pages included multiple parties, genders, geographies, races, and religions, and serves as an example of the strength of bipartisan cooperation.
    - Presented project via zoom on August 26, 2020 to the South Sudan First VP, the Minister of Federal Affairs, and several hundred other dignitaries from South Sudan as well as several staff members from various U.S. Senators
    - Visited South Sudan in September-October 2020; Hand delivered 111-page report to the Minister of Federal Affairs and the First Vice President on October 2, 2020
      - ◆ Discussed project in detail over nearly 2 hours, one-on-one
      - ◆ Exchanged gifts, to include a KCC T-shirt as well as a special hat with a U.S. Senate pin
      - ◆ Provided statement to national S. Sudan television
  - Spread-Your-Wings (<https://syw-impact.org>); Inspiration and supporter
    - Focused on identifying future women leaders in South Sudan by empowering young girls to stay in school and by proving 4-year college scholarships
    - KCC financially supporting one of two college scholarships awarded in 2022
    - Founded by two female Senate Page classmates directly after our completion of this Federalism project.

- New KCC projects: (Planned for next few years)
  - Establishment of a J-Term (special course) at Univ. of Lynchburg for medically oriented students (pre-med, Physical Therapy, etc.) to visit South Sudan
  - Establishing a “South Sudan Parliamentary Page program”
  - Establishing a free-standing *KCC---White Nile Diabetes Clinic* in Juba, South Sudan
  - Expanding S. Sudan Diabetes Clinic footprint to other cities in S. Sudan.
  - Changing U. S. policy concerning Type-1 diabetics serving in the military
    - Type-1 Diabetics are currently disqualified from serving in the military in violation of their civil rights, as other “special groups” are allowed to serve

### **AWARDS, SPEECHES & PRESENTATIONS**

- Selected as Keynote speaker for Prince William County Schools (PWCS) Global Leadership Conference; Woodbridge, VA; May 18, 2019; 1500+ attendees
- KCC presentation at PWCS Leadership Conference; Woodbridge, VA; May 18, 2019
- Presentation on KCC and South Sudan at the Davos-on-the-Delta Agricultural Investor conference; May 16, 2019; Memphis, TN
  - Food and agriculture are key drivers for issues involving Type-2 diabetes
- Developed and presented White Paper to the Global Youth Village & U.S Department of State; *Agriculture in South Sudan: Source of Conflict as well as Basis for Peace*
- Selected as a Student Representative Finalist (only Junior; 26 total) to PWCS Board of Education (91,000+ students)
- Selected as a Representative for America (one of six) on behalf of U.S Department of State and Legacy International to Global Youth Village; Bedford, VA; July 2019
  - Developed and presented project: *Agriculture in South Sudan: Source of Conflict as well as Basis for Peace*, which describes how a “Cattle Bank” might avert conflict
- Student Representative on Prince William County School Health Advisory Board (SHAB); 2019-2020; Only student on this 10-member board
- Member of the Prince William County Schools Human Rights Student Council; 2019-2020
- Nominated and selected as U.S. Senate Page for Senator Mark Warner; Spring-2020
- KCC & Spring-2020 U.S. Senate Pages South Sudan Federalism Project
- Special Letter of Commendation from Dr. Steve Walts, Superintendent of Schools, and Chairman of the PWCS Board of Education (91,000+ students) (September 20, 2020) praising my efforts to save lives and to help avert civil war in S. Sudan.
- Patriot High School Principal’s Award as the most outstanding student, overall, among a graduation class of nearly 1,300
- Senator, Student Government Association (SGA) for the University of Lynchburg
  - One of only two Freshman in SGA
  - Officially representing the class of 2025; But also, a member of the College Democrats Club and College Republicans Club to promote bipartisanship
- Sigma Phi Epsilon “Balanced Man” Scholarship
  - Competitive, single award, financial scholarship to the freshman student best exemplifying the qualities of “virtue, diligence and brotherly love”.
- Bonner Leader Program (University of Lynchburg class of 2025)
  - Competitive nationwide program that aims to create future leaders of America during students’ undergraduate studies and structured (paid) community service.

**ARTICLES, PUBLICATIONS & REPORTS**

- *Kyle Thaller gets a leg up on Public Service Career as a U.S. Senate Page*; Bull Run Observer; August 7, 2020
- *Kyle Thaller Team presents Federalist Ideas for South Sudan to Consider in a New Constitution*; Bull Run Observer; October 2, 2020
- *Agriculture in South Sudan: Source of Conflict as well as Basis for Peace*; Global Youth Village and sponsored by U.S. Department of State; November 30, 2019
- *KCC and Saving Type-1 Diabetics in South Sudan*; Train-the-Trainer Presentation for Jubek County diabetes health care providers in Juba, South Sudan; August 2019
- *Global Leadership*; PWCS Global Leadership Keynote Speech; May 2019
- *KCC: Saving Lives by Never Giving Up; Status and Vision*; PWCS Global Leadership Conference; Break-out sessions; May 2019
- *KCC: Saving Lives by Never Giving Up; Status and Vision*; Davos on the Delta (Memphis, TN); May 2019
- *Federalism: A New Constitution and Peace in South Sudan; Perspectives from Spring-2020 U.S. Senate Pages*; KCC Project with nine other Senate Pages; Summer-2020; International zoom presentation August 26, 2020
- *Mailbag: Patriot HS senior delivers a thank you and report on his fact-finding visit to Sudan and South Sudan*; Bull Run Observer; December 11, 2020
- *Putting World Perspective on Civil Service*; PWCS Scoop; 1/21/2021
- *Class of 2021: Picked by Their Principles: Meet Super seniors Kyle Thaller, Patriot High School, and Caroline Gee, Battlefield High School*; Haymarket-Gainesville Lifestyle Magazine; June 2021

**INTERESTS**

- Reading, exercising (weight training and jogging), independently studying history and political science, hanging out with my friends, discussing politics over dinner
- International travel in pursuit of helping others and making a difference; KCC slogan is: *Saving Lives by Never Giving Up*