



21st Century Leaders Announces Youth Ambassadors for 2024-2025

October 1, 2024 (Atlanta, GA) - Congratulations to our 2024-2025 Youth Ambassadors! 35 diverse 21st Century Leaders' students have been selected through a competitive application process to represent the interests and voices of the 2,000+ Georgia high school students of 21st Century Leaders (21CL) who participate in our programs each year. The Youth Ambassador program relaunched last year after a two-year pause; this year in honor of the organization's 35th anniversary, 21CL is excited for the youth-led impact and innovation to come from this leadership opportunity for our students.

The Youth Ambassadors met together for their first meeting of the 2024-2025 term on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at Emory University's Goizueta Business School; they were encouraged by guest speaker Tavari Turner (VP, Youth Development Programs & Grants, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley; 21CL Alumni Board), set their expectations and generated ideas for service and outreach, got headshots from 21CL alumna Charlese Watson (Honeybee Studios), and attended a personal branding panel at [21CL's Next Exec Leadership Summit](#), a young professionals summit hosted by our Alumni Board that took place on the same day.

21CL's Youth Ambassadors are responsible for representing the values and mission of 21st Century Leaders in their schools, communities, and at 21CL events. During their term of service, they will work together to recruit and engage more (and new) 21st Century Leaders and partners across Georgia through outreach, service projects and meaningful opportunities.

The Youth Ambassadors serve as 21CL advocates to empower and inspire other high school students to lead. They represent the distinct ideas, opinions, attitudes, knowledge, and actions of exemplary leaders as a collective body. The Youth Ambassadors will inform and participate in special projects and contribute to live program events, under the guidance of 21CL's Alumni Board of Directors and staff.

Our 2024-2025 Youth Ambassadors are:

- **Aditya Arora**, Peachtree Ridge High School, Class of 2026
- **Jenabou Barry**, Westlake High School, Class of 2025
- **Christopher Boyd**, Landmark Christian School, Class of 2025
- **Bella Burroughs**, Harris County High School, Class of 2026
- **Sreepadha Daram**, Innovation Academy, Class of 2026
- **Nife Deju**, Lanier High School, Class of 2026
- **Evan Drinks**, Westlake High School, Class of 2025
- **Afra Haque**, Chamblee Charter High School, Class of 2025
- **Tessa Hayes**, Jefferson County High School, Class of 2026
- **Josie Herren**, Berrien County High School, Class of 2026
- **Alaysia Jones**, Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology, Class of 2026

- **Anshuman Khadanga**, Lakeside High School (Evans), Class of 2025
- **Kezia Kotey**, DeKalb Early College Academy, Class of 2026
- **Hannah Lang**, Georgia Cyber Academy, Class of 2025
- **Leia Lankford**, Woodstock High School, Class of 2025
- **Fucheng Li**, Darlington School, Class of 2026
- **Alexis Liu**, Denmark High School, Class of 2025
- **Siri Manekar**, Northview High School, Class of 2025
- **Anoushka Naik**, Alpharetta High School, Class of 2025
- **Jaden Newman**, Holy Innocents' Episcopal School, Class of 2025
- **Lokesh Pampatti**, Chapel Hill High School, Class of 2025
- **Vidhi Raiyani**, Putnam County High School, Class of 2026
- **Akhilesh Ravikumar**, Johns Creek High School, Class of 2025
- **Kenneth D. Rice**, Providence Christian Academy, Class of 2025
- **Yasmin Rios**, Swainsboro High School, Class of 2026
- **Abigail Rong**, Denmark High School, Class of 2025
- **Litzy Sanchez**, Morrow High School, Class of 2027
- **Rhea Shah**, Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology, Class of 2025
- **Aadi Shah**, Innovation Academy of Fulton County, Class of 2026
- **Anjika Shah**, Lanier High School, Class of 2025
- **Thalia Smith**, Midtown High School, Class of 2025
- **Sauyer Stewart**, Arabia Mountain High School, Class of 2025
- **Ronak Vyas**, Alpharetta High School, Class of 2025
- **Michelle Wang**, Fulton Science Academy High School, Class of 2025
- **Olivia Wilson**, Turner County High School, Class of 2025

21CL Youth Ambassador Mission: *The Youth Ambassadors' mission is to serve as student ambassadors for 21st Century Leaders by upholding the organization's mission and vision through servant-leadership while creating meaningful opportunities for Georgia's next generation of youth leaders. The Youth Ambassadors strive to bring awareness to 21CL through a united voice, community service and outreach while enhancing our leadership and interpersonal skills. Our goal is to establish a strong foundation that cultivates future generations of leaders who can further expand our accomplishments.*

Learn more about 21st Century Leaders at <https://www.21stcenturyleaders.org/>

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