



HERITAGE Young Leaders MAGAZINE

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**Conservative
Leadership**

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Dear Friends,

AFTER SPENDING MY FALL semester as an intern at The Heritage Foundation, it is a privilege to be able to share more about the Young Leaders Program (YLP).

I hope that reading about this incredible program will provide a glimpse of the amazing opportunities that would not be possible without your support. The Young Leaders Program is a great chance for young conservatives to immerse themselves in conservative policy and thought in Washington, D.C.

These three months at The Heritage Foundation are more than an internship. It is an education. Through the First Principles Lecture Series, weekly briefings from policy experts, and career development programs, the opportunities for growth are abundant. The educational opportunities are coupled with real work across the various departments. I felt like a respected and integral part of the Development department contributing to Heritage's critical mission.

The Young Leaders Program creates an environment for young men and women to build their professional skills and learn what it means to be a conservative in America. This program has given me a clear vision of my career path and what I will need to get there. Equipped with the skills and knowledge from the Young Leaders Program, I am ready to take on any challenge.

This would not be possible without your generous support. You are preparing the next generation of leaders to succeed. I hope as you read the Young Leaders Magazine you can see how your generosity has made all the difference to us and how your investment into this program will contribute to a brighter future for America.

Thank you again for your support.

Patrick Stanton
Winzenried Intern
Fall 2022



Patrick was the Fall 2022 Winzenried Intern in Donor Communications. Heritage hosts more than 180 interns every year.

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BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CONSERVATIVE LEADERS

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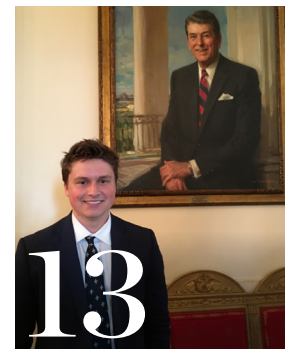


Passing on First
Principles to Young
Americans



INTERN SPOTLIGHT

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PRESIDENT KEVIN ROBERTS, PH.D. listens to Heritage intern Joseph Sturdy, Spring '23, speaking onstage at the 50th Anniversary Gala.

Q&A with Dr. Kevin Roberts

AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. KEVIN ROBERTS, PRESIDENT OF THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Dr. Kevin Roberts is a fifth generation educator and has taught young people at both K-12 and collegiate levels.

HAVING NOW SERVED AS president of The Heritage Foundation for more than a year, Dr. Kevin Roberts reflects on the role of young people in the conservative movement and at Heritage and shares his advice for young conservatives setting out in the world.

As a teacher, professor, and conservative leader, do you have any

recommendations on writers or specific books that young conservatives should read as they set out in the world?

From the whole conservative pantheon, I tend to cite these two from Russell Kirk: “The Conservative Mind” and “The Roots of American Order.” The latter is probably the most important book in modern American history to understand why

ERIN GRANZOW

America is unique. I've also been recommending people read great fiction and poetry that exemplifies what conservatism is. Basically, anything from T.S. Eliot, which reminds us of the good, the true, and the beautiful. And the heart of conservatism is about conserving what is good and true and beautiful.

Many conservatives are despairing for the youth in the country—how do you stay optimistic for future generations?

The reason I am optimistic is because I spend so much time with extremely impressive, right-minded younger people. I would encourage people to help build networks for younger Americans, especially those young Americans with an inclination toward conservatism. Help them find peers who think like them so that their values are not being bombarded in all their social interactions. Find young people who you can mentor.

Why is the Young Leaders Program such an important part of what Heritage does?

The heart of Heritage—going back to when our founders Scaife and Coors and Feulner and Weyrich and Noble were putting this together—is not simply policy, but building up the conservative movement. You can't build a movement without being focused on the youngest people in it. Every person at Heritage—no matter what department he or she is in—has a zealous focus on mentoring people.

Heritage added an additional focus to the YLP's mission: preparing young conservatives for careers on Capitol Hill. Why is this so important right now?

Because we have, despite my optimism, a short amount of time to take back the country from the radical Left. That's going to require courage from young people in every industry, including politics. For too long, conservatives have found that distasteful and with good reason. We realize at Heritage that we must



JOSEPH STURDY, a Spring 2023 intern in the Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, reflects on his time at Heritage at the Gala.

contribute to the ranks of right-minded, courageous, cheerful people working on Capitol Hill.

Do you have any advice for current college students or prospective college students about how to survive on a radical college campus?

Young people ought to remember that 95 percent of four-year universities don't deserve them. For most students entering college today, they are behind enemy lines. These students ought to go into these places—especially those hostile to their faith or their right-mindedness—with a daily discipline that keeps them impervious to those forces. The nice thing about that is that in almost every case, if you do that, you stay cheerful, and we need that. Conservatism is based in gratitude which gives birth to cheerfulness. 🦋



HERITAGE TRUSTEE AND Young Leaders Program alumnus John Coleman speaks at The Heritage Foundation President's Club Orlando Summit.

Outside the Beltway

JOHN COLEMAN'S WORLD AND HIS career are far from Washington politics. Living in Atlanta, he provides capital and strategic partnership to values-driven companies as managing partner of the values-based Sovereign's Capital. But John's ties to Heritage go way back and continue to this day, as he now serves as a member of the Board of Trustees.

In addition to his day job, John is a frequent contributor to Harvard Business Review. He has written several books, including **"The HBR Guide to Crafting Your Purpose"** and **"Miracles."** He regularly speaks on college campuses, at conferences, and for corporations and non-profits. He's been profiled in the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Financial Times, the Los Angeles Times, Christianity Today, and Forbes, among others.

But 20 years ago, John was a humble Heritage intern, where, in addition to his daily responsibilities, he had the opportunity to be coached by Ed Meese for an intern debate on

drug policy with a libertarian think tank. He was also able to attend a talk with Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, who "told his remarkable life story and had most of the room in tears."

He describes his Heritage internship as "transformational for my understanding of the underpinnings of conservative thought" and says that it "helped me lean into public policy for the rest of my life."

One of the public policy issues John has "leaned into" is education; he and his wife, Jackie, have invested time and money to support charter schools and served on several boards related to both K-12 and higher education.

His advice to young conservatives? "I can think of no better intern experience than Heritage and its Young Leaders Program," he says. "You will do real, meaningful work, meet remarkable staff members, and receive once-in-a-lifetime access to some of the brightest minds in Washington." 🦋



ANDY ANDERSON, PICTURED here with his wife, Jeanne, and his daughter, Taylor, has been a donor to Heritage since 1994. Last year, Andy named a Heritage intern in memory of his beloved daughter.

Spotlight on Andy Anderson: Investing in the Future of America

ANDY ANDERSON WENT TO COLLEGE in Ronald Reagan's America—a time when college students could feel proud about their country, discuss competing ideas on campus, and freely pursue the American dream. He went on to become an entrepreneur in real estate development and has owned several small businesses.

Andy and his wife Jeanne want that experience for the next generation of young people, including their three children and three grandchildren. That's why Andy decided last year to name an intern in honor of his eldest daughter, Taylor.

Taylor passed away in the 2011 Ishinomaki Tsunami while she was teaching in Japan. Her passion for learning and exploring the world inspired Andy to name an intern in her honor at Heritage's multimedia news outlet, The Daily Signal.

Andy wants to see more young people learning to think critically and report without bias. The leftist spin in legacy news reporting makes

it difficult for citizens to stay informed. "Journalists should be taught how to think, not what to think," said Andy. "The Daily Signal is a great boot camp for learning journalism."

Ronald Reagan once said: "If we are to guard against ignorance and remain free, as Jefferson cautioned, it is the responsibility of every American to be informed." Interns in Heritage's Young Leaders Program are taking on that responsibility, learning to think critically for themselves while also gaining communication skills to share the truth with others.

Today's college campuses are often hostile to conservative views. But Andy encourages all the interns in Heritage's Young Leaders Program to stay engaged: "Speak up and have courage. That's most important." 🗣️

A photograph of Ed Feulner, President of The Heritage Foundation, speaking at a wooden podium. He is wearing a dark suit, a red tie, and glasses, and is holding a small object in his right hand. Behind him is a large American flag. The podium has a microphone and a small sign that reads "GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOUNT VERNON".

The Heritage Foundation Celebrates 50 Years

A CONVERSATION WITH
ED FEULNER, PH.D.



OPPOSITE PAGE:

Ed Feulner Ph.D. speaks to the importance of the Constitution to Heritage friends and allies at a 50th anniversary celebration at George Washington's Mount Vernon estate.

LEFT: Feulner, President Ronald Reagan, and Friedrich Hayek meet to discuss public policy in the Oval Office in 1983.

AS HERITAGE CELEBRATES ITS 50th anniversary, we asked Ed Feulner, founder and past president, to reflect on why Heritage started the Young Leaders Program and why it's important to the conservative movement.

What was your inspiration for starting the YLP?

My long-time operating principle has been that we should be “looking at the present with courage and the future with hope.” To help implement that hope, we must transmit our beliefs and our principles to the next generation. And that generation is not getting an understanding of that in their formal education.

What has been the most rewarding part of seeing YLP grow?

It's been a joy in my life to see young people come to Heritage in our Young Leaders Program and advance to positions where their policy knowledge, their political skills, and their deep understanding of the underlying principles of the modern conservative movement make them—and so many others—all representatives of the best of America.

How would you measure the success of the YLP?

I could cite the 2005 New York Times news article that called the YLP “a coveted spot on the young conservative circuit.” That's high

praise from the establishment. On a personal note, however, my hope is reinforced when I hear personal stories about how their lives have been affected by their involvement with Heritage. It reinforces the critical role Heritage plays in building a brighter America where freedom, opportunity, prosperity, and civil society will flourish more fully in the future.

What advice do you have for young people starting out in the movement?

I recommend three steps to our upcoming leaders:

1. Read Russell Kirk, Friedrich von Hayek, Milton Friedman, and the other great thinkers to learn the first principles that we hold true.
2. Read Lee Edwards and George Nash to know and understand the conservative movement.
3. Get into the policy battles at an entry level as early as you can.

Any final thoughts?

Remember that in Washington there are no permanent victories, nor are there permanent defeats. There are only permanent battles that every generation must wage to preserve the free society in this, the most extraordinary and truly exceptional nation in the history of the world. 🇺🇸



HERITAGE'S YOUNG LEADERS take part in every aspect of our work at Heritage in addition to receiving an education in both conservative policy and First Principles.

FROM TOP LEFT CLOCKWISE: ERIN GRANZOW; ERIN GRANZOW; JIM STONE; WILLIS BRETZ; ERIN GRANZOW

Passing on First Principles to Young Conservatives

AMERICA HAS REACHED A moment of crisis. Never in our lifetime have we witnessed such an assault on the legitimacy of our republic, our history, and our culture. Some of the most powerful institutions in the country—government agencies, the media, higher education, public schools—openly reject American ideals.

This is a threat to all of us but particularly to America's young people. They are the primary target of the Left's efforts to permanently re-make our country according to their own ideology. Through the Left's distorted education efforts, they are attempting to turn the next generation into committed radicals.

That is exactly why the Boyce-Haller First Principles Lecture Series at The Heritage Foundation is so important.

This lecture series is one of Heritage's premier programs for young people taking part in our Young Leaders Program and serves to inoculate these interns against the distorted ideas of the Left that are so often foisted on them. Under the leadership of Dr. Richard Reinsch, director of the B. Kenneth Simon Center for American Studies, the lecture series provides a deep dive into the Western tradition—something that sets the Heritage intern experience apart. Through this series, says Reinsch, we are “helping our interns understand

the essentials of American constitutionalism, free markets, and a society of ordered liberty.”

This is particularly important at a time when most colleges and universities have dropped Western Civilization courses for being oppressive and condemned foundational American principles. The lectures are delivered by leaders from across the conservative movement, including Ryan Anderson and David Azerrad, as well as Heritage's own team of scholars, including Reinsch, Paul Ray, Giancarlo Canaparo, Brenda Hafera, and Heritage president Dr. Kevin Roberts. Lectures focus on topics such as natural law, the Constitution, the administrative state, and identity politics.

Those who take part in the Young Leaders Program report to us that this series is one of the most meaningful aspects of their time with The Heritage Foundation. Alex Gage, a 2022 intern who has since joined Heritage as a research assistant focusing on economic policy, reports, “YLP's First Principles lecture series is unique among Washington, D.C., internships. It truly equips interns with the fundamental principles of conservatism, which has been of great benefit to me.”

In 2022, the lecture series was permanently named the Boyce-Haller First Principles Lecture Series following a generous gift from the Haller Family Foundation. 🏠

The Boyce-Haller First Principles Lecture Series offers interns a deep dive into natural law, self-government, equality, and religious freedom.

Just Who Are These Interns?



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have previously interned with state or congressional representatives

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states and the District of Columbia were represented



States with the most interns: California and Virginia

Class of 2022 also has...



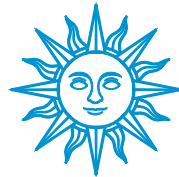
A Division 1 Soccer Player



A National Merit Scholar



An Equine Exerciser



A United States State Department Youth Ambassador to Uruguay



Three Eagle Scouts

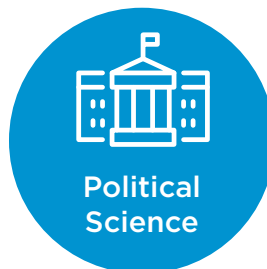
Most popular undergrad colleges and universities were...

Hillsdale College

Patrick Henry College

Liberty University

Most Common Major Among the 2022 Intern Class



Political Science

47%

of 2022 interns reported to be **“more conservative”** following their Heritage intern experience



SEAN-MICHAEL PIGEON FOUND a love for conservative policy—and a wife—while interning at Heritage's Thomas A. Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies.

An Ivy League Conservative

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU can graduate from an Ivy League school like Yale with your conservative beliefs strengthened, you might want to talk to Sean-Michael Pigeon.

Yale wasn't Sean's first dive into the liberal education pool. He says that, despite growing up in Texas, his high school was very liberal, which drove him to seek out alternative views. "I thought, there was no way all the smart people believe this stuff," he says. And his search for answers led him to The Heritage Foundation.

While at Yale, Sean was accepted into the YLP in the Summer of 2019 and interned at the Roe Institute, where he worked on regulation and cybersecurity issues.

Heritage's internship, he says, "was by far the most comprehensive," adding that "the people at Heritage were actually trying to invest in me."

Sean's next step is to get a law degree, and to steel his nerves further, Harvard Law might be his next stop. "I want to use a law degree," he says, "to come back to places like Heritage" and be able to "deeply interrogate questions conservatives need to answer with greater force."

Sean has another reason to hold YLP in high regard. It was during his internship that he met his future wife. The two were married in July 2020, just a year after they met at Heritage. She's now completing a master's degree at Yale. 🐦

(Though her current employment in the legal profession precludes her from appearing by name, Sean's wife tells us she remains a firm believer in Heritage's mission and tries to stay connected whenever possible.)



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University of California, Davis

Anderson Family Intern in Honor of Taylor Anderson

Wallace White,
American University

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Colin Agostisi,
The Catholic University of America
Jacob Montoya,
Patrick Henry College

Indira Morales,

Florida International University

Iliana Owen-Alcala,

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Braden Spurlock,

Southern Virginia University

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George Mason University



Matias Mauviel,
Kenyon College

Camryn Smith,
Brigham Young University

Debby Torres,
Liberty University

Noah Vehafric,
American University

Nathan Waite,
Liberty University

John and Barbara Bruning Intern

Lauren Kessler,
Saint Louis University

David V. Burgett Intern

Greyson Hoye,
Pacific Lutheran University

Alexander Knorr,
Willamette University

Joshua Willis,
Kansas State University

The Marionlou P. and David J. Burke Intern

Louis Pham,
Georgetown University

Mary H. Campbell Foundation Intern

Ryan Davies,
American University

Brinley Koenig,
Brigham Young University

Carter and Moyers Intern

Alexander Eid,
Georgetown University

Ben Tardiff,
Duke University

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Georgia Southern University

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Christopher Newport University

B&E Collins Foundation Intern

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University of Maine, Orono

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University of Texas at Austin

Gary L. Dawson Intern

Jordan Embree,
Wheaton College

Cullen Geahigan,
University of Notre Dame

The Rebecca Eddy de Broekert Intern

Austin Hardman,
Hampden-Sydney College

The Paul N. and Lynn J. Douthat Intern

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Cedarville University

**Frank G. and Gertrude
Dunlap Fund Intern**

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The Catholic University of America

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Maggie Hroncich,
Hillsdale College

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Gwynedd Mercy University

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John Walker,
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Gabrielle Wiggins,
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Brad Robertson,

Penn State University

Juliana Struyk,

Hope College

Sophia Tomlinson,

Washtenaw Community College

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College of the Holy Cross

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Anthony Truisi,

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Biola University

Interns Reflect

From the Young Leaders of 2022

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Since I was adopted from Colombia, serving as the Latin America Foreign Policy Intern offered the opportunity to learn about the politics of a region that is near and dear to my heart. In fact, during my internship I had the honor and privilege of participating in meetings with an elected representative from Peru, leaders of think tanks in Colombia and many ambassadors from all over the world.”

—Colin Agostini,

Caesar Arredondo Intern, Spring 2022

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Though I have had prior academic experience studying Ethiopia, the ability to learn from individuals and their first-hand experiences made key concepts more tangible. The learning that came from this internship cannot be measured, and I am excited to see how it will continue to impact my professional decisions going forward.”

—Juliana Struyk,

Shining City on a Hill Intern,
Summer 2022

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Coming in, I was not expecting to be handed the level of responsibility I was given. In most internships, interns are generally relegated to menial and inconsequential tasks. At Heritage, my supervisors in the Center for Technology Policy believed in my abilities and tasked me with important and relevant work. They made me feel like an employee.”

—Vincent Bellomo,

The Howard and Mary Ann Watrous Intern, Spring 2022

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These experiences would not have been possible without your incredible support, and I am incredibly grateful. The skills I learned and the people I met through this internship will have a lasting impact on not only my career path but my entire life. I look forward to the steps ahead while always being able to cherish the time spent at The Heritage Foundation.”

—Marleigh Kerr,

The Howard and Mary Ann Watrous Intern, Summer 2022



You, too, can sponsor an intern.

BY ADDING \$10,000 TO YOUR ANNUAL SUPPORT, YOU WILL ENABLE ONE young conservative to spend a semester learning and working at Heritage. He or she will bear your name or that of a loved one and will send you personal updates throughout the term. Permanent naming opportunities are also available with a gift of \$200,000. Please contact your Heritage representative or a staff member at 1-800-546-2843 for more information.