

2017 HOBY New York East Leadership Seminar

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Vision

To motivate and empower individuals to make a positive difference within our global society, through understanding and action, based on effective and compassionate leadership.

Mission

To inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation.

Core Values

Volunteerism

Volunteerism is the heart and soul of our organization. We appreciate the myriad contributions of our volunteers, and recognize the power of thank you and of giving back. We seek to promote and encourage service among our stakeholders. We recognize and value the positive accomplishments that volunteers can achieve by working together. We believe that volunteers are positively impacted by our programs as much as the youth and communities we serve.

Integrity

Integrity forms the foundation of our organization. We demand the highest level of ethics. We grow our organization based on interactions that promote mutual trust and respect with our stakeholders and partners. We strive to ensure the highest level of organizational effectiveness by continually reviewing our programs and processes to improve quality and efficiency.

Excellence

We strive to continually raise our programs and business to new levels of excellence. We encourage entrepreneurship and innovation in business, education, and social responsibility. We develop creative solutions to address challenges and to utilize opportunities. We believe that leadership skills can and should be continually improved and refined.

Diversity

We value and embrace diversity. We seek out views that reflect all walks of life, and reflect those views in our programs. We are sensitive to the special needs and diverse backgrounds of individuals. We give all individuals an equal opportunity to be heard and to benefit from our programs.

Community Partnership

We value community partnerships. We recognize the importance of working with community organizations to strengthen our supportive network. We value the input we receive from our community partners, and strive to work together cooperatively and constructively for the betterment of all.

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Welcome to HOBY!



On behalf of the entire volunteer staff of the New York East Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our annual seminar! Dozens of volunteers have been prepping for months to bring you this outstanding experience and we are so happy to meet you all! This seminar has been changing lives for the past thirty-one years, and each year keeps getting better! The experience you are about to have is similar to tens of thousands of other sophomores around the globe, and yet your experience will be totally unique. One of the most amazing things about the HOBY program is that everyone gets something slightly different out of it. Most of our staff have sat where you are right now - a little apprehensive, a little unsure of what is about to unfold. We ask only one thing of you: be open. Be open to new ideas and possibilities. Be open to being pushed outside your comfort zone, just a little. Be open to experience what may be different from home. When each of us walked into the HOBY New York East Seminar, none of us had any idea what we were getting ourselves into, but we are so glad we did. Each of you have been chosen for your potential as a leader. That potential requires you to embrace your own possibility - the power of your own position in your community and the world. Each of us has the capacity to do great things, if we only embrace that capacity. This weekend is designed to give you a taste of the possibility that exists in every person here. Throughout the weekend you will be exposed to different forms of leadership through speakers, panels, and group discussions. You will work with fellow students who understand that they can make a difference and that so can you.

While our volunteers and presenters range from seasoned professionals to young adults, and come from all backgrounds and careers, they are here because they believe in YOU. However, in order to get the most out of this weekend, YOU will have to believe in you. Your schools recognize your potential, but do YOU? Your attitude and willingness toward the unknown can make all the difference between a decent weekend and one that will change your life forever. Will YOU give it everything you have?

The theme of our seminar this year is "Because of You." Each and every one of you can and will make a difference in the world. Your innovation, dedication, and inspiration will make a difference in your communities and in the lives of others. What difference will YOU make?

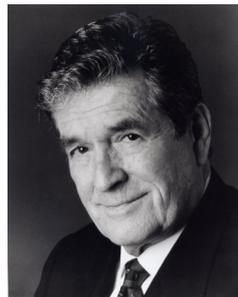
So, congratulations and welcome! This weekend could be the start of a whole new outlook on life. Either way, you have become part of the HOBY family - a group of thousands of youth and adults, dedicated to changing the world through their service. Have a fun weekend, and welcome to the family! HOBY HUGS!

Erin N. Dorozynski

Erin Dorozynski
2017 HOBY New York East Leadership Seminar Chairperson

HUGH O'BRIAN (1925-2016)

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership: His Lasting Legacy



In 1958, Mr. O'Brian was privileged to spend nine inspirational days with the great humanitarian and 1952 Nobel Peace Prize Winner Dr. Albert Schweitzer at his clinic in Africa. Dr. Schweitzer's strong belief that "the most important thing in education is to teach young people to think for themselves" impressed O'Brian. Upon his return to the United States, he put Schweitzer's words into action by forming Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY), a non-profit organization. Its format for motivation was simple: bring a select group of high school sophomores with demonstrated leadership abilities together with a group of distinguished leaders in business, education, government, and the professions, and let the two interact. Using a question-and-answer format, the young people selected to attend a HOBY Leadership Seminar held each spring in their state get a realistic look at what it takes to be a true leader, thus better enabling them "to think for themselves."

Today HOBY offers multiple leadership development programs for high school students based on the Social Change Model of Leadership and incorporating community service. Community Leadership Workshops (CLeWs) are held each year locally for freshmen. HOBY State Leadership Seminars for sophomores are held throughout the United States every spring. The World Leadership Congress (WLC) for rising juniors is held each summer in July at a major university in the U.S. and invites students from around the world to participate. HOBY style programs are also conducted in Canada, China, South Korea, Hong Kong, Iraq, Mexico, the Philippines, Taiwan, Turkey and the United Kingdom. The cultural differences that exist between countries of the world are explored in friendship by the American students and their international counterparts when they come together at the WLC. The HOBY experience is truly an inspirational event of a lifetime for student leaders. The Advanced Leadership Academy for juniors and seniors launched in 2013, HOBY's 55th anniversary year. HOBY boasts more than 450,000 alumni worldwide. Its alumni programs include international tour and service trips for high school and college students.

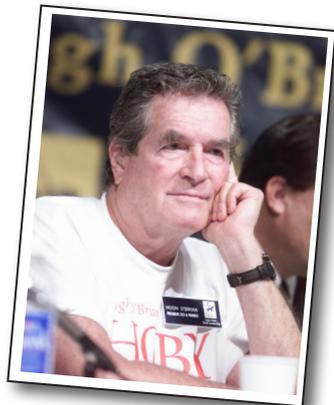
Each program year, Mr. O'Brian wrote this message to the current year's ambassadors and we pass it on to all of you. "I don't have any children of my own, but I've got a couple of hundred thousand like you out there who I'm proud to call my family. So, shine bright my friends; you are all my tomorrows and the future is yours to make outstanding!! I wish you love and Godspeed!!"

Seminar Dedication

HOBY New York East dedicates this year's Leadership Seminar to the memory of our founder, Hugh O'Brian.

The preceding page tells you the facts about Hugh O'Brian and HOBY, but it doesn't help you FEEL the impact of Hugh, and of this organization. When Hugh founded HOBY and held his first Leadership Seminar in 1958, he lit a spark - of commitment, of volunteering, of leadership - that hundreds of thousands of young men and women have experienced, that tens of thousands of volunteers have shared. There is not a volunteer nor alumni of the New York East seminar whose life has not been touched by Hugh's efforts to make our world a better place by encouraging each of us to be the best person we can be. The ambassadors who have passed through our seminar increase awareness for mental illness, pack food for the hungry, assist families of sick children, rebuild towns and villages after disasters, raise funds for charity, and make a positive difference in their communities every day. Our volunteers work alongside them, lending encouragement, providing mentorship, and being inspired by their efforts. And every action that takes place is Because Of Hugh...

Hugh O'Brian passed away on September 5, 2016. HOBY didn't just lose our founder and guiding light that day, we lost a member of our family.



“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”

- Dr. Albert Schweitzer



May 30, 2017

Dear HOBY Ambassadors,

On behalf of the HOBY New York Corporate Board, we welcome you to the 2017 New York East Leadership Seminar!

As part of the HOBY New York East Leadership Seminar, you join over 600 high school sophomores in New York attending a HOBY leadership seminar this spring. You are also one of nine thousand other high school sophomores attending one of many HOBY leadership seminars being conducted in the United States as well as several other countries.

During this weekend, you will enjoy a unique learning experience designed for you to develop an understanding of leadership and begin to identify your own particular leadership strengths. We encourage you to challenge yourself. We hope you ask questions and learn from different perspectives.

It is difficult to capture the magic of HOBY in a letter. Our alumni continue to tell us it's a life changing experience. The depth of HOBY's impact is seen year after year as alumni of the program return to help produce the seminar.

As Alumni, you will join thousands of young people that have come before you in this unique and honored title. You will have a special responsibility to be a leader and make a difference wherever you go. Congratulations!

HOBY Hugs!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Swartwout".

John Swartwout
New York Corporate Board President

HOBY New York, 9 Hillcrest Road, Latham NY 12110

CHARLES E. SCHUMER
NEW YORK

Democratic Leader

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June 2, 2017

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to be included in your festivities this weekend. Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership is a fantastic program that encourages you to think, network, inspire. At a time when globalization and technology keeps all of us connected with each other, the ideals and goals of HOBY are more important now than they have ever been.

The importance of getting involved early cannot be overstated. During my freshman year of college, I tried out for the basketball team, only to be cut on the very first day of practice. I was dejected and felt like going to Harvard had been a mistake. I wanted to go. That same night, a friend of mine invited me go to a meeting of the Harvard Young Democrats. The rest is history. Getting involved and taking an active interest in my community, my state, and my country, helped propel me all the way to the United States Senate. It's my promise that if I can do it, so can you.

With an alumni network that is nearly half-a-million strong, your new exposure to role models and community leaders will only serve you well moving forward. It is my sincere hope that you will take full advantage of the programming that is offered this weekend. As sophomores in high school, the most exciting part of your journey is just beginning. As you begin to look at colleges, trade schools, or military options, being armed with a good education and the enrichment provided by HOBY, it's my sincere belief that you can accomplish anything that you put your mind to.

You're all in a good place. The volunteers of HOBY are relentless in their pursuits of community service and ensuring that all of you have the best possible experience. As a future HOBY alumnus, it's my hope that you will follow in their footsteps as the role models and change makers of the next generation.

Please enjoy your weekend, but more importantly, learn from it. Learn the importance of civic and community engagement, and learn what it means to be good, effective leaders. I'm deeply proud of all of you, of the organizers, and of the volunteers. Your commitment to such a worthy organization and to such lofty goals makes all of us better.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND
NEW YORK



UNITED STATES SENATOR

May 25, 2017

Dear Friends,

It is a privilege to send greetings to everyone attending the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership New York East Seminar at SUNY Oneonta.

Your participation in this seminar displays your dedication and commitment to leadership and service. It is delightful to see young adults like yourselves achieve such great things and create a life dedicated to community involvement. As you continue to grow as students, I urge you to look forward and welcome the challenges ahead while continuing to strive towards success.

I send my best wishes for a wonderful weekend at SUNY Oneonta.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kirsten Gillibrand".

Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

ANDREW M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

June 2 – 4, 2017

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered at SUNY Oneonta for the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Seminar.

Since its inception, HOBY New York East has been making a difference in the lives of its teenaged ambassadors, nurturing a community-minded citizenry through the development of leadership potential. Inspired by the great humanitarian Albert Schweitzer, Hugh O’Brian created an extraordinary program that reaches out to students, instilling motivation and confidence. I commend all those affiliated with this endeavor for their dedication to ensure quality stewardship for the future of our democracy.

Welcome to the City of Oneonta and the 31st HOBY New York East seminar. On behalf of all New Yorkers, I extend best wishes to the Empire State youth ambassadors who have come to Central New York for a fun, productive, and memorable seminar.

With warmest regards and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Cuomo".

ANDREW M. CUOMO

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June 3, 2017

Dear Students,

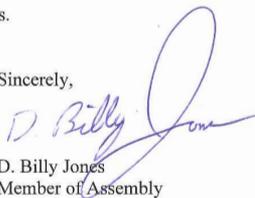
It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 31st HOBY New York East Seminar taking place at SUNY Oneonta.

I commend you for attending and I am sure you will return to your communities inspired and equipped to make a difference through personal service. The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership seminar fosters leadership, service and innovation in the high school sophomores who participate, and our communities are growing stronger because of individuals like you.

I would also like to convey my sincerest gratitude for all of those who make this program possible. I look forward to seeing the great achievements put in motion by the great students in attendance, you are our leaders of tomorrow.

Best wishes to all in attendance for continued success.

Sincerely,



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May 15, 2017

New York East Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership
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Dear Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership:

It is a pleasure to welcome the 2017 class of the Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY) Leadership New York East Seminar. HOBY, which is celebrating its 59th anniversary this year as an organization and the 31st year for the New York East Seminar. It is a great program that has an ongoing impact with the individuals participating and the communities that are involved.

Founded in 1958, HOBY's mission is to inspire and develop the global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. These programs, especially the New York East Seminar, serve local and international high school students. Just as importantly, this program serves our community. The lessons that HOBY teaches will last a lifetime.

Congratulations to each of you and best wishes for a successful event. It is my hope that the HOBY 2017 Class has the most fulfilling of all experiences while participating in this seminar.

Sincerely,

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Dear Students:

Welcome and congratulations on your participation in the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership (HOBY) program. This three day conference provides a wonderful opportunity for you to join together to learn and develop the leadership skills needed to make a positive difference in your community difference in your community and the lives of others.

The importance of assisting our youth to reach their full potential cannot be overstated. The future success and well-being of our communities depend on individuals like you to lead the way. HOBY will help you along that path in ways that are both motivating and educational.

Once again, I congratulate and thank you for all you have done and all you will do in the future to make our world a better place.

Sincerely,



Patricia Fahy
Member of Assembly

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June 2, 2017

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Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure for me to welcome you to the 2017 Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Organization (HOBY)-NYE annual leadership seminar. This year's event being held at SUNY Oneonta will feature a collection of some of the best and brightest young minds and emerging talent New York has to offer.

Your participation in this exciting event is a reflection of the leadership qualities you each possess. Now in its 30th year of youth leadership and service to the community, the HOBY-NYE annual leadership seminar is a breeding ground for successful initiatives which will undoubtedly help shape the future of New York State.

HOBY alumni are leaders in their schools and communities who inspire us all with their energy and enthusiasm to become more concerned and compassionate supporters for improving our communities through community service.

Congratulations on your accomplishments and best wishes for a successful seminar.

Sincerely,

Neil D. Breslin
Member of Senate



SUNY ONEONTA

Office of the President

May 15, 2017

Dear student participants in the HOBY New York East leadership seminar,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the campus of the State University of New York at Oneonta. I hope you have a meaningful experience here and take some time to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Catskills region.

It is appropriate that you selected our school for your conference, since SUNY Oneonta's institutional values stress student engagement and leadership. In fact, at our recent Commencement ceremony, we honored the senior class, whose members collectively performed more than 70,000 hours of service through our Center for Social Responsibility and Community. In addition, we celebrated the graduates who achieved the Platinum, Gold, and Silver levels of our Leadership Education and Development program. In addition to providing students with a rigorous and relevant education, we emphasize preparing students to be engaged in their communities both during their college years and throughout their lives.

Oneonta students also have many opportunities for service and leadership in campus organizations. Some of the most active groups are our Oneonta State Emergency Squad, Relay for Life, Environmental Activism Club, Gender and Sexuality Alliance, and Student Association. In addition, our student athletes make it a habit to offer community service and were recently honored by the National Collegiate Athletic Association for producing the best educational video about sexual assault in a nationwide competition.

On behalf of the entire SUNY Oneonta community, thank you for your commitment to leadership and community service. Your devotion to serving others will pay many dividends in your future success and will contribute to your overall life satisfaction.

Sincerely,



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May 24, 2017

HOBY NYE

Dear Friends,

Congratulations on hosting the 2017 HOBY New York East seminar which will mark the 31st Anniversary of this inspiring gathering. We salute HOBY organizers and participants alike as you celebrate and nurture the student leaders that make a choice to make a difference.

It is humbling to consider the force that is HOBY! Like the volunteers who serve at the feet of those in need at the Ronald McDonald House, HOBY-NYE alumni provide countless hours in volunteer service to those in need each year. Many HOBY alumni are active Ronald McDonald House volunteers who have put what they learned at HOBY to good use serving our families.

HOBY participants also spent countless hours working with their peers; opening their hearts and minds to the core beliefs of HOBY and helping them understand how they can become effective leaders in order to make a difference within their communities.

When I reflect on the HOBY, I often times think of Robert F Kennedy's remarks within minutes of learning of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. RFK's speech that day, to an inner city audience in Indianapolis, In. was written by him while he was being driven to the engagement. I feel his message embodies the HOBY spirit. He said, in part, ***"What we need in the United States is not division; what we need in the United States is not hatred; what we need in the United States is not violence and lawlessness, but is love, and wisdom, and compassion toward one another, and a feeling of justice toward those who still suffer within our country"***.

The longevity of HOBY is a testament to the vision and passion of its founder; Mr. Hugh O'Brien who believed every person is created as the steward of his or her own destiny, and can best meet their destiny through sharing with others, service to those in need and a reverence for living one's life in a spirit of love.

The Ronald McDonald House of Albany is most appreciative of all of the OUTSTANDING love and support that HOBY participants have provided over the past several years. From thoughtfully gathering "Wish-List" items to volunteering around the House – cleaning, cooking & caring, HOBY participants have made a difference in the lives of the families we serve. In 2015 keepsake boxes and blankets were made by HOBY heroes and were cherished by our families and kids.

On behalf of the all of the families that we serve (19,350 and counting since 1982), our staff board and volunteers, I would like to thank all HOBY participants, alumni, staff and volunteers for the difference you make in our community. You are part of a remarkable legacy that is needed more now than ever. The collective impact you will have on our world throughout your lives is immeasurable and is quite an exciting concept to ponder.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Yule
Executive Director
Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region, Inc

THE HOBY STORY

In the summer of 1958, Hugh O'Brian received the invitation that would change his life forever. At the time, O'Brian had already made a name for himself as an actor portraying the legendary lawman Wyatt Earp on television and appearing in numerous films. When he received a cable from Dr. Albert Schweitzer welcoming him to French Equatorial Africa for a visit, he did not hesitate to accept. O'Brian had long admired the German doctor-missionary-theologian-musician, and within two weeks he arrived at Dr. Schweitzer's remote hospital complex in Africa. During his visit, O'Brian spent his days assisting the volunteers in the hospital and his nights with Dr. Schweitzer discussing global peace and world politics. During their discussions, Dr. Schweitzer told O'Brian that he felt "The most important thing in education is to teach young people to think for themselves," which O'Brian would never forget.



**Hugh O'Brian:
Visionary and Legendary
Humanitarian**

HOBY's mission is to inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation.

After an inspiring nine days, O'Brian prepared to return to America. Before saying goodbye, Dr. Schweitzer took O'Brian's hand and asked, "Hugh, what are you going to do with this?" It was these words combined with his unforgettable visit that compelled Hugh O'Brian to form Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY). Two weeks after returning from his 1958 visit to Africa, O'Brian put together a prototype seminar for young leaders.

From 1958 to 1967, leadership seminars took place in Los Angeles for sophomores from California. In 1968 the scope of the HOBY program grew to include national and international participants which led to the expanded eight-day global leadership seminar called the World Leadership Congress (WLC) held annually.

In an effort to include more students nationwide, three-day and four-day HOBY Leadership Seminars were instituted in 1977 in which high schools throughout the country may nominate a sophomore to attend a HOBY seminar in their state.

Five decades later, HOBY is still inspiring young people all over the world to develop their leadership and critical-thinking skills to achieve their highest potential. Currently, more than 9,500 tenth graders, representing almost as many high schools nationwide, attend HOBY Leadership Seminars each year. These seminars are run by over 4,000 volunteers with community leaders, business executives, educators, and parents involved in every seminar. Each seminar strives to follow the HOBY motto of teaching students, "how to think, not what to think," thus ensuring that Dr. Schweitzer's hope for young people lives on.

By the Numbers

- Twenty-six student Ambassadors participated in the very first HOBY leadership seminar. Now, more than five decades later, there are more than 425,000 Alumni that are part of the HOBY legacy.
- Each year, more than 10,000 students attend HOBY Leadership programs from across the U.S. and around the world.
- Our Ambassadors represent more than 7,200 U.S. high schools.
- There are approximately 70 State Leadership Seminars each spring across the country.
- More than 4,000 committed HOBY volunteers plan, fundraise, and help to produce the programs each year. 65% of volunteers are HOBY Alumni.
- HOBY's total paid staff is 12 full-time equivalents.
- Since inception, HOBY Alumni have logged more than 2.8 million hours of service.

Hugh O'Brian was born April 19, 1925 in Rochester, New York. At 17, he became the youngest drill instructor in Marine Corps history, but found his true passion was acting. O'Brian gained national fame and notoriety with his portrayal of frontier lawman Wyatt Earp in "The Life and Times of Wyatt Earp." This top-rated television series ran from 1955-1962 and made O'Brian an overnight success. After the series ended, O'Brian went on to other acting projects in film, television, and Broadway while devoting the rest of his time to HOBY.

The honors and awards he has received from his work with HOBY are numerous. In 1983, the National Society of Fund Raising Executives honored him with their premier award for overall philanthropic excellence as a volunteer, fundraiser and philanthropist. This is the only time one individual has received the award in all three categories. In 1989, he received the 60th Annual American Education Award presented by the American Association of School Administrators. O'Brian joins Norman Rockwell, Lyndon Johnson, Helen Keller, Walt Disney, and Bob Hope as a recipient of this most significant award. O'Brian currently lives in a hill-top home overlooking Beverly Hills. Mr. O'Brian passed away on September 5, 2016, at the age of 91.

Leadership Seminar Curriculum

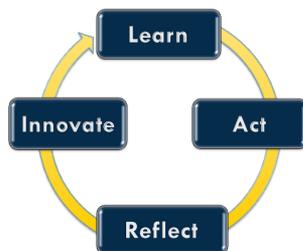
The curriculum for this Leadership Seminar is based on HOBY's vision to motivate and empower individuals to make a positive difference within our global society. HOBY believes students like you represent the future leaders of the world – leaders in business, education, government, or any field you choose – because YOU are someone who will make a difference. By developing and understanding effective and compassionate leadership, we hope you will be able to realize your leadership potential, and take action in your homes, schools, workplace, communities and the world.

Your HOBY experience will help you develop leadership from three perspectives:

1. Personal Leadership
2. Group Leadership
3. Leadership for Society

We will focus on your individual growth in order for your leadership to make a better world and a better society for yourself and others.

Everyone at HOBY believes in your ability to be a leader and affect the future for all of us. So, stand out and be OUTSTANDING! Show us who you are and what you can do. HOBY is your open door to a life of leadership and service. We can't wait to learn what potential you will unlock through HOBY.



HOBY's Selection Process

Each September, HOBY Sophomore Registration Kits are sent to over 22,000 public, private and charter high schools in the United States. All tenth graders are eligible for selection to attend one of the three- or four-day weekend seminars held in their area each spring. A sophomore leader may be selected by each school and is certified by the principal.

HOBY's seminars focus on the theme "Empower. Lead. Excel." while encouraging the young leaders toward responsible citizenship, including community service and volunteerism.

Seminar Mission and Objectives

- Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership provides lifelong leadership development opportunities that empower individuals to achieve their highest potential.
- To encourage and assist members of this formative age group in their quest for self-identification and self-development.
- To interface these potential leaders with recognized leaders in business, industry, government, science and education through give-and-take workshops using a question-and-answer format.
- To motivate these young leaders to their responsibility and the importance of volunteerism.
- To present various opportunities and experiences for ambassadors to develop a passion for volunteer service
- To stimulate opportunities for these young people to demonstrate their leadership abilities when they return home for betterment of community and country through community service.

Results of HOBY Seminars

The effectiveness of the HOBY program is noted in the results of the most recent evaluation of its leadership seminars.

- 80% of Ambassadors noted they had a better understanding of the free enterprise, economic and American political systems.
- 98% said, because of HOBY, they know what steps to take to be a better leader.
- 98% said, because of HOBY, they know why volunteering is important.
- 99% of the Ambassadors reported HOBY encouraged them to think independently.
- The evaluation found that HOBY encourages Ambassadors to set goals and that the responsibility for personal growth and leadership development is placed squarely on them.

HOBY New York East Leadership Seminar

This is the 31st year that HOBY has held a seminar in eastern New York. HOBY New York East (NYE) is using SUNY Oneonta as the seminar site for the second time. Two hundred and twenty eight high schools, both public and private, from twenty two eastern New York counties, have been invited to send an ambassador to represent their school. Our seminar is planned and staffed completely by volunteers who are passionate about our program.



The HOBY New York East Leadership Seminar Planning Committee consists of civic-minded individuals who support the goals of Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership and give their time and talent throughout the year to make this life changing experience possible. The professional backgrounds of the committee members are diverse, and many members are HOBY New York East alumni. As a result of their passion for HOBY, our planning committee and seminar staff give our ambassadors a unique opportunity to discover and develop their own passion for volunteering and community service.

For the past 20 consecutive years, the New York East Leadership Seminar has been named one of the top leadership seminars in North America by Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership International. HOBY New York East is one of the largest seminar sites in the nation, this year hosting over 220 OUTSTANDING ambassadors from across eastern New York State. Our Alumni Association is active throughout the year, providing opportunities for alumni to volunteer their time to serve their communities and to stay involved in our organization. HOBY NYE alumni have logged **nearly 100,000** hours of service in their communities on HOBY Online since the Leadership for Service program began!

Each year our program grows and changes to meet the demands that are being placed on the leaders of tomorrow, and we're excited to have alumni from throughout our seminar's history working together to ensure that each seminar is even more OUTSTANDING than the last!

"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."

- e.e. cummings

How Will You Lead Through Service?

Leadership for Service HOBY's Commitment to Volunteerism

As you will learn this weekend, one of the most powerful ways to show leadership is through service to others. HOBY believes so strongly in the idea of servant leadership that we answered the call and a created an initiative that challenges all Ambassadors to continue their HOBY experience long after the seminar concludes. **Leadership for Service (L4S)** is HOBY's service-leadership program intended to prepare young people to contribute to their communities through service-learning and volunteerism.

The objectives of Leadership for Service are:

- To inform Ambassadors about the role and impact of community service;
- To facilitate setting short-term community service goals;
- To provide opportunities to connect with community service organizations; and
- To provide documentation of program impact and effectiveness.

Each Ambassador is challenged to return to his or her community and conduct at least 100 hours of community service in the year following the HOBY New York East Leadership Seminar.

Ambassadors are asked to make a year-long commitment to strengthen their communities through volunteerism, and to track their success by logging their hours on the HOBY website, www.hoby.org in the Alumni section. Since the implementation of HOBY's Leadership for Service program in 1998, participants have logged over **3.75 Million volunteer service hours**.

Through HOBY's Leadership for Service programs, Ambassadors gain the tools, passion and commitment to serve others. To help young people realize the personal and social benefits of volunteerism and service, HOBY awards each Ambassador who successfully completes and logs 100 hours a special recognition packet, which includes recognition by the White House and the President's Student Service Award.

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

-Dr. Albert Schweitzer

Cooperating Organizations

Cooperating Organizations

- America's Promise – The Alliance for Youth
- American Association of School Administrators
- American International Education Foundation
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- The Congressional Award
- Education First Tours
- Festival of Children Foundation
- Foundation for Teaching Economics
- General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC)
- HOBY Canada
- HOBY Hong Kong
- HOBY Iraq
- HOBY Korea
- HOBY Turkey
- HOBY United Kingdom
- International Association of Lions Clubs
- Junior Chamber International
- Military Order of the World Wars
- National Assn. of Secondary School Principals
- National Catholic Educational Association
- National Parent Teachers Association
- Optimist International
- Oxfam
- Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity
- Points of Light & Hands on Network
- Students Against Destructive Decisions
- Young Marines
- Youth Service America

WLC

HOBY
World Leadership Congress
Loyola University Chicago
Chicago, Illinois
July 22-29, 2017



HOBY's largest and longest running youth leadership event, the World Leadership Congress (WLC) is the next step on your leadership journey. You'll build your leadership skills with over 450 other young people from around the United States and the world.

The WLC is a weeklong event, where you'll participate in an interactive educational program that includes hearing from top leaders in a variety of fields, hands-on workshops, community service projects and of course, some fun!

This year's World Leadership Congress is scheduled for July 22-29 at Loyola University Chicago. By participating in your HOBY Leadership Seminar, you are now eligible to attend the 2017 World Leadership Congress. This program is only available the summer immediately following your leadership seminar, so you'll want to act fast as space goes quickly and we do sell out each year.

All 450 ambassadors who will attend the WLC are either:

- U.S. high school sophomore students who first attended one of HOBY's regional three- or four-day state leadership development seminars that take place each spring, or
- International students between 15 and 17 years of age who have first attended a local program in their respective home country, if one exists.

HOBY New York East offers partial scholarships to two representatives selected as "Outstanding Future Leaders". This year's New York East delegation is limited to a total of six Ambassadors. The two Outstanding Future Leaders will have their place in the delegation reserved. For the remainder of the delegation, early registration is highly recommended as it is first-come, first-served and the final deadline is in mid-June.

For Program curriculum, fees and registration information, please see the WLC section of HOBY's website at www.hoby.org.



“After I had realized that the three day New York East HOBY seminar had changed my life, I knew that I needed more HOBY and that I wanted to attend WLC. There were 48 states and 10 countries represented by over 400 ambassadors. In my group alone, there were people from 4 different countries! We learned more about ourselves and others in just seven days than we ever thought possible. I was able to interact and help the people of the city of Chicago while my own life was changing once again. Through HOBY I realized that I could really make a difference in people’s lives and that to be happy, I just needed to be me. ‘Be yourself because everyone else is taken.’ –Oscar Wilde.”

- Kailey Rothacker, HOBY NYE 2011, WLC 2011

“WLC was the best week of my life. Now I may only be 16 years old, but I can say I have never had, nor probably will I ever have again, such an experience. WLC changes your life. It surely changed mine. Everyone there is just like you- an outstanding leader ready to change the world. I felt more myself with 400 people that I have never met in my life than I had ever been before. Not a day goes by that I don’t think of WLC and how lucky and thankful I am that I was able to go. The ambassadors and staff are the most amazing and outstanding people I have ever met and worked with. Never would I have thought that I would learn Cantonese from someone who lives in Hong Kong, or talk about Taylor Swift with my roommate from China! Things like these are everyday occurrences at WLC. I always think of WLC as a utopia, and if you can be a part of that it is the greatest feeling in the world.”

- Amber Decker, HOBY NYE 2011, WLC 2011

ADVANCED LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



HOBY's Advanced Leadership Academy (ALA) is an opportunity to deepen your leadership skills and develop a service project or social enterprise to address an issue of your choosing in your school or community. All high school juniors and seniors are eligible to attend this five day, four night program on a first paid, space-available basis. HOBY alumni are encouraged to bring their friends to experience the HOBY magic.

This innovative program immerses students in college-level curriculum based on the social change model of leadership and the college text, "Leadership for a Better World". Students learn academic leadership theory, receive practical project planning and management training, and work on their personal leadership development. ALA participants meet other successful youth who have led service projects and started nonprofits and businesses. This program is a life-changing experience that enables students to create positive social change. For more information on the ALA, visit www.hoby.org.

HOBY is proud to partner with nationally ranked George Mason University to offer transferrable college credit for successful completion of the Advanced Leadership Academy. George Mason University is ranked as one of the "Top Schools to Watch" by U.S. News & World Report, and as of the "Top 100 Best Values" in higher education by Kiplinger's Personal Finance and Forbes. Learn more at <http://www.gmu.edu/>.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP (CLeW)

The Community Leadership Workshop (CLeW) is HOBY's introductory one-day leadership program for high school freshmen, which focuses on leadership as a discipline to be explored and learned. HOBY CLeW students interact with local community leaders, and participate in group activities, and conduct community service projects. CLeWs are organized, developed, and implemented by local business leaders, civic groups, volunteers, and HOBY Alumni. If you are interested in organizing a CLeW at your school, please contact the New York East CLeW Director, Mike Perry, at mperry@hoby.org.



The Freedom to Choose

Unfortunately, a very small number of our young people seem to attract the most of the news. They are in the public eye because they have stolen cars, vandalized schools, created disturbances – in some way rebelled against society. These headline-makers represent only a small part of our teenage population. It is a fact that 98.7 percent of our young people are law-abiding, constructive citizens. There is too much focus on the negative. It is time we accent the positive – pat the good guys and gals on the back – let them know there are rewards for being responsible members of the community.

I do NOT believe we are all born equal – CREATED equal in the eyes of God, YES – but physical and emotional differences, parental guidance, varying environments, being in the right place at the right time, all play a role in enhancing or limiting an individual's development. But I DO believe every man and woman, if given the opportunity and encouragement to recognize his or her own potential, regardless of background has the Freedom To Choose in our world. Will an individual be a taker or a giver in life? Will that person be satisfied merely to exist, or seek a meaningful purpose? Will he or she dare to dream the impossible dream?

I believe every person is created as the steward of his or her own destiny with great power for a specific purpose to share with others, through service, a reverence for life in a spirit of love.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hugh O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Award History 2009-2016

2016

Outstanding Seminar

Christopher Urban & Erin Dorozynski

Superior CLeW Award

Michael Perry

Outstanding Program Book - 2nd Place

Michael Perry

Special Recognition: "Highest Percentage of Non-HOBY Alumni as Corporate Board Volunteers"

2014

Outstanding Seminar

Terrance McNally

Outstanding Director of Recruitment

Amanda Walshjamine

Outstanding CLeW Award

John Swartwout

Outstanding Program Book - 1st Place

Michael Perry

Outstanding Website Award - 2nd Place

Robert Clancy

2012

Outstanding Seminar

Ashley Hall McNally & Amanda Walshjamine

Outstanding Alumni Association

Terrance McNally & Geoff Sherwood

Outstanding Director of Recruitment

Amanda Walshjamine

1st Place Website Award

Robert Clancy

3rd Place Program Book Award

Terrance McNally

CLeW Certificate

John Swartwout

Optional National Topic Certificate

Jen O'Connor

2010

Outstanding Seminar

Bob Clancy & Cara Tromans

Outstanding Director of Recruitment

Ivette Alfonso

CLeW Award

John Swartwout

Web Site Award

2015

Outstanding Seminar

Christopher Urban

Outstanding Director of Recruitment

Meghan Medwid & Erin Dorozynski

Outstanding Corporate Board President

John Swartwout

Outstanding Website Award - 2nd Place

Robert Clancy

Outstanding Program Book - 3rd Place

Michael Perry

Superior CLeW Award

Michael Perry

2013

Outstanding Seminar

Amanda Walshjamine & Terrance McNally

Outstanding Alumni Association

Geoff Sherwood

Outstanding Director of Recruitment

David Rozen

1st Place Website Award

Robert Clancy

2nd Place Program Book Award

Michael Perry

CLeW Certificate

John Swartwout

2011

Outstanding Seminar

Cara Tromans & Ashley Hall McNally

Outstanding Director of Recruitment

Ivette Alfonso

Outstanding Alumni Association

Terrance McNally & Geoff Sherwood

CLeW Award

John Swartwout

Web Site Award

Program Book Award - 2nd Place

Terrance McNally

2009

Outstanding Seminar

Bob Clancy & Shelley Laviana

Outstanding Director of Recruitment

Ivette Alfonso

CLeW Award

John Swartwout

Schedule of Events

Day 1: Friday, June 2nd, 2017

Today's Attire: HOBY T-shirts, casual shorts or pants

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| 7:30-8:45 | Check-In | Wilsbach Hall |
| 9:00-10:00 | Ambassador Orientation, Welcome, and Opening Ceremonies | IRC |
| 10:00-10:30 | Personal Leadership : Introductory Module | IRC |
| 10:30-12:30 | Personal Leadership Activity: Say It | IRC Breakout Areas |
| 12:30-12:45 | Travel to Lunch | |
| 12:45-1:30 | Lunch | Wilsbach Hall |
| 1:30-1:45 | Travel to Photo | |
| 1:45-2:15 | Group Photo | TBD |
| 2:15-2:30 | Travel to IRC | |
| 2:30-4:00 | Personal Leadership: Diversity in Leadership Panel | IRC |
| 4:00-4:30 | Group Leadership: Introductory Module | IRC |
| 4:30-6:00 | Group Leadership Activity: Project Exurbia | IRC Breakout Areas |
| 6:00-6:30 | Travel to Dinner | |
| 6:30-7:15 | Dinner | Neahwa Park |
| 7:15-8:15 | Section Time / Group Time | Neahwa Park |
| 8:15-8:45 | Travel to Campus/Dorm Dash | Dorm Dash |
| 8:45 | Fire Drill | Dorms |
| 8:45-11:00 | Ice Cream Social, Mission: HOBY, Section/Group Time | IRC |
| 11:30 | Bed Checks | Dorms |

"Never be bullied into silence. Never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one's definition of your life; define yourself."

-Harvey Fierstein

Day 2: Saturday, June 3rd, 2017

Today's Attire: Section Color Service Project T-shirts, casual shorts or pants

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| 7:30-8:15 | Breakfast | Wilsbach Hall |
| 8:15-8:30 | Travel to IRC | |
| 8:30-9:00 | Leadership for Society: Introductory Module | IRC |
| 9:00-9:30 | Leadership in Action: Introductory Module | IRC |
| 9:30-10:00 | Travel to Leadership in Action Project Locations | |
| 10:00-2:00 | Leadership in Action Projects: Phase 1 / Phase 2 and Lunch | |
| 2:00-2:30 | Travel to Oneonta | |
| 2:45-3:45 | SMART Goals: Introductory Module | IRC |
| 3:45-4:45 | Leadership for Society Activity: Case Study Breakouts | IRC Breakout Areas |
| 4:45-5:45 | Leadership for Society Activity: Keynote | IRC |
| 5:45-6:15 | Section time | Section / Group Areas |
| 6:15-6:45 | Energizers - Section Cheers | |
| 6:45-7:30 | Dinner / HOBY Fashion Show | Wilsbach Hall |
| 7:30-8:30 | Section / Group Time / Prep for Skits | Section/Group Areas |
| 8:30-10:30 | Skits | IRC |
| 10:30-11:30 | Section Reflections | Section Areas |
| 12:00- | Bed Checks | Dorms |

“Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success. When you do a thing, do it with all your might. Put your whole soul into it. Stamp it with your own personality. Be active, be energetic and faithful, and you will accomplish your object. Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Day 3: Sunday, June 4th, 2017

Today's Attire: Business (pants or skirts, collared shirts)

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| 8:00-9:00 | Breakfast | Wilsbach Hall |
| 9:00-9:15 | Travel to IRC | |
| 9:15-10:00 | Thank You Card Writing | IRC |
| 10:00-10:30 | Leadership in Action Projects: Phase 3 Speakers | IRC |
| 10:30-11:00 | Life With HOBY & Futures Kit | IRC |
| 11:00-11:15 | SMART Goals: Refresher | IRC |
| 11:15-12:00 | SMART Goals: Activity #2 - Area Breakouts | IRC |
| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch | IRC |
| 1:00-1:30 | Line Up & Walk to Closing Ceremony | |
| 1:30-3:30 | Closing Ceremony | Hunt College Union Ballroom |

"Don't you ever let a soul in the world tell you that you can't be exactly who you are."

- Lady Gaga



Seminar Speakers



Keynote Speaker: Thomas Reardon

“I have been the Superintendent of the Wyncott Union Free School District for the past two years, prior to which I was an Elementary Principal at Voorheesville Elementary School for six years. Before I went to Voorheesville I was an Elementary Assistant Principal and a middle school ELA teacher for seven years in the Bethlehem Central School District (of those years in the classroom; two as an Assistant Principal). For the past ten years I have been an Adjunct Lecturer in the Department of Teacher Education at Siena College, teaching courses in adolescence and middle school teaching methods. I have a Doctorate in Educational Leadership, a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instructional Technology, a Masters in Leadership Studies, and a Bachelors in English Education, minor in French. I have had the honor of having seven articles published in a variety of local and national publications, specifically on the topics of best middle school practices, and creating a positive culture in organizational systems. I just married on April 14th and couldn't be happier. ”

Closing Ceremony: Michael Paolino

Michael Paolino is the current Building Principal of Hackett Middle School located with the Albany City School District. A 1994 graduate of Union College, Michael earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's of Business Administration in Accounting Degree. After graduation, Michael accepted a position in Boston, MA with the nationally recognized accounting firm Coopers and Lybrand. Realizing his true passion in life centered around education, Michael returned home a year later and pursued his Teaching Certification.



In 1998, Michael began his teaching career as a 7-12 Business Education teacher in the Voorheesville Central School District. In addition to teaching, Michael coached Boy's Varsity Basketball and Baseball. Following in the footsteps of his parents, Michael pursued his School Administration and Supervision and School District Administrator certifications. For the past 15

years, Michael has served as a Building Level Principal for several schools in the Capital Region. In August 2009, Michael was hired as the Principal of Hackett Middle School. Due to Hackett being designated by the New York State Education Department as a School in Need of Improvement, Michael was hired with the purpose of transforming it into a high performing school. With a commitment to the motto “Believe, Achieve, Succeed,” Hackett Middle School was removed from the list of identified schools in February 2016. For his vision, commitment and dedication, Michael was recently recognized by the Capital Area School Development Association as the Middle School Principal of the Year.

Michael and his wife Stacey, along with their sons Jacob (11) and Luke (11) currently reside in Schenectady, NY.

Leadership for Service Organizations and Speakers

Bassett Healthcare Network – Smoking Cessation Program

Smoking is responsible for nearly half a million deaths each year in this country. Smoking poses numerous health risks to smokers including cancer, heart disease and chronic lung disease.

Non-smokers exposed to tobacco smoke are also at risk for a number of health conditions. Women who smoke have a higher incidence of premature and low birth weight babies. Children exposed to second-hand smoke have higher rates of asthma, bronchitis, pneumonia, ear infections, allergies and SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome).

Despite the consequences, millions of people continue to smoke. Many may want to quit, but because of the addictive nature of tobacco, struggle to make it happen. Success may require several attempts and there are cessation aids and people who can help. Nicotine replacement treatments such as gums, patches, prescription medications and inhalers, and smoking cessation counseling are options to consider.

The benefits of quitting tobacco products are immediate and long lasting.

Get Your Butts Off the Ground!

In order to raise awareness surrounding the dangers of smoking and the importance of making a plan to quit, we are collaborating with Bassett Healthcare Network (A O Fox Hospital) to Get Your Butts Off the Ground! Our ambassadors will be embarking on a city-wide clean up to collect stray cigarette butts. Not only will we be beautifying our host city, but we will be spreading awareness regarding the local programs and opportunities available to help smokers quit.

Quitting smoking has immediate and long-term benefits at any age. Quitting is hard, but you can increase your chances of success with help. Getting help through counseling or medications can double or triple the chances of quitting successfully.

"I believe every person is created as the steward of his or her own destiny with great power for a specific purpose, to share with others, through service, a reverence for life in a spirit of love."

- Hugh O'Brian

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) creates, finds, and supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. RMHC makes an immediate, positive impact on children's lives through their global network their core programs: Ronald McDonald House, Ronald McDonald Family Room and Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. They award grants to other nonprofit organizations that positively impact the health and well-being of children. They are also committed to education. Local Chapters award thousands of scholarships each year to students entering college across the United States.

The Leadership For Service project for RMHC was completed by ambassadors bringing personal care items that will be provided to families staying at Ronald McDonald House in Albany, NY.

Jeff Yule, Executive Director of RMHC of the Capital Region said this:

“Projects that create gifts like [this] provide our families with moments of joy and HOPE...and the moments get strung together and make an incredible difference... knowing kids [brought] them for their sick kids hits home... knowing that strangers are thinking of them and are doing something to help means so much to our families, especially the families we have that have not had much in the way of a functional home life growing up and now are parents with a sick child... they realize that there is a community of people that care... sometimes for the first time in the lives...”



“If you fill your heart with love, life will always be able to mend itself, but if you fill your soul with love, you will be able to mend the hearts of others. Love is made up of four essential things: Leadership, Opportunity, Volunteerism, Enthusiasm”

**- Bob Clancy
HOBY NYE Volunteer**

Red Section

2017 Ambassadors



Section Leader: Geoff Sherwood

Group A
 Facilitator: TBD
 Junior Staff: Isabella Marchese

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| Ava Anderson | Johnsburg Central High School |
| Madison Brunell | Northern Adirondack Central High School |
| Jon-Cliff Djomnang Mbougang | Adirondack P-TECH |
| Mariah Gifford | Sidney High School |
| Sabrina Goldfischer | Arlington High School |
| Jasmine Johnson | Fallsburg Central High School |
| Adrian Johnston | Peru Sr. High School |
| Jesse Schneyer | Rhinebeck Central School |
| Rylie Smith | Middleburgh High School |
| Bryce Thibodeau | Fort Plain Central School |

Group B
 Facilitator: Angela Tylock
 Junior Staff: James Wheeler

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| Justin Giorgio | Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake H S |
| Danielle Gonyea | Saranac Lake Sr High School |
| Josie Hovis | Cooperstown Central High School |
| Conor Hughes | Troy High School |
| Sydney Hunt | Cornwall Central High School |
| Kiara Mantz | Bolton Central High School |
| Ben McNutt | Mechanicville High School |
| Natalie Pistor | Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central H.S. |
| Chrissy Poluzzi | Highland High School |
| Abby Reynolds | Sharon Springs Central School |
| Abby Vandenberg | Averill Park High School |
| Gabe Winters-Bona | Scotia Glenville High School |

Group C
 Facilitator: Howie Lien
 Junior Staff: Somaya Bracy

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| Christian Baaki | Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons H S |
| Connor Case | Chatham High School |
| Cas Cerasia | Mayfield High School |
| Kara Dennis | Millbrook High School |
| Eliza Ericson | Beacon High School |
| Erin Flannery | Warwick Valley High School |
| Lillian Hickey | Hoosick Falls Central School |
| Hannah Meyer | Schoharie High School |
| Nicole Presti | Columbia High School |
| Skyler Reed | Gloversville High School |
| Justin Riavez | Cherry Valley Springfield Central School |
| Jen Whitney | Granville High School |

Orange Section

2017 Ambassadors

Section Leader: Tom Torello

Group D

Facilitator: Kent Hutton
Junior Staff: Emily Kehn

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| Hannah Calkins | Sidney High School |
| Bailey Gengel | Queensbury High School |
| Liza Johnson | Shaker High School |
| Elizabeth Kocienda | Washingtonville High School |
| Jack Lambert | Cooperstown Central High School |
| Erik Schreiner | Hadley-Luzerne Central School |
| Cordell Smith | Salem Central School |
| Taylor Spagnola | Millbrook High School |
| Christian Vitek | Walton Central School |
| Blake Wright | Adirondack P-TECH |
| Lauren Wrigley | Chatham High School |
| Amy Zhou | John Jay High School |

Group E

Facilitator: Ann Bottisii
Junior Staff: Alison O'Keefe

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| Austin Adams | Duanesburg Jr/Sr High School |
| Lily Bogdanowicz | Highland High School |
| Justin Brown | Edmeston Central School |
| Arianna Curillo | Cornwall Central High School |
| Cole Denton | Beekmantown Central School |
| Kahlia Durso | Beacon High School |
| Anna Ellithorpe | Saranac Lake Sr High School |
| Jonathan Huang | Arlington High School |
| Bri Roberts | Fort Edward High School |
| Avery Smith | Greenwich Central School |
| Angela Squillace | S.S. Seward Institute |
| Mackenzie Therrien | Ravena High School |

Group F

Facilitator: Kailey Rothacker
Junior Staff: Brenden Bready

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| Irene Bravo | Pawling High School |
| Mikayla Faas | Schoharie High School |
| Evan Habert | Spackenkill High School |
| Matt Jackson | Marlboro High School |
| Shaye Larrabee | Peru Sr. High School |
| Bella Marchesani | Catskill High School |
| Morgan McHugh | Tri-Valley Secondary School |
| Mike Murray | Christian Brothers Academy |
| Aidan O'Connor | Greenville Jr/Sr High School |
| Josiah Palumbo | Owen D. Young Central School |
| Cheyenne Sharp | Valley Central High School |
| Rylee Velasco | Milford Central School |

Yellow Section

2017 Ambassadors



Section Leader: Elissa Prout

Group G

Facilitator: Corey Stall
Junior Staff: Asata Spears

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| Ariana Conlon | Queensbury High School |
| Chris Diotte | Shaker High School |
| Ivy Dulysz | Amsterdam High School |
| William Friedman | Cooperstown Central High School |
| Morgan Hanaway | Doane Stuart School |
| Sam Koblenky | Columbia High School |
| Mikayla Lahr | Academy Of The Holy Names |
| Jacob Lyons | Laurens Central School |
| Meghan McGurl | Bolton Central High School |
| Sam Rivera | Walkill Senior High School |
| Jess Wu | Cornwall Central High School |

Group H

Facilitator: Justin Montione
Junior Staff: Carlin McPhee

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| Elizabeth Beck | Taconic Hills High School |
| Trevor Burnside | Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School |
| Olivia Gonyo | Northeastern Clinton High School |
| Julia Greco | Ballston Spa High School |
| Ringo Hartenberg | Glens Falls High School |
| Jessica Hockler | Beacon High School |
| Ryan Ma | La Salle Institute |
| Jenna Morgan | Saranac Lake Sr High School |
| Michael Neal | Guilderland High School |
| Aryanna Rosario | Poughkeepsie High School |
| Ricky Ryan | Catskill High School |
| Natalie Stagnitti | Schalmont Sr. High School |

Group I

Facilitator: Ellen Stockert
Junior Staff: Riley Dunn

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| Althea Brennan | Chatham High School |
| Trisha Deonarain | Schenectady High School |
| Mia Eng-Kohn | Spackenkill High School |
| Dylan Grimaldi-Johnson | Bethlehem Central High School |
| Jasper Koota | Delaware Academy Jr/Sr H.S. |
| Shea Lape | Frankfort-Schuyler High School |
| Sarah Malinowski | Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons H S |
| Erin Morrison | Broadalbin Perth High School |
| Carl Tyce | James I. O'Neill High School |
| Nate Warrington | Corinth Central School |
| Siela Zembsch | Galway Central School |

Green Section

2017 Ambassadors

Section Leader: Claire Butterworth

Group J

Facilitator: Jake Helmeset
Junior Staff: Elise Davis

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| Matt Abatangelo | Valley Central High School |
| Victoria Arnold | Sullivan West Central High School |
| Ryan Hayes | Canajoharie Central School |
| Lura Johnson | Keene Central Elem-High School |
| Julia Mull | Beekmantown Central School |
| Meagan O'Sullivan | Warrensburg Central School |
| Jack Skiff | Tupper Lake High School |
| Mallory Storms | Webutuck High School |
| Abby Uveges | Schoharie High School |
| Hibah Vora | Shaker High School |

Group K

Facilitator: Kat Brown
Junior Staff: Remy Oktay

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| Nathaniel Austin | New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School |
| Zach Castro | Pawling High School |
| Finley Corrigan | James I. O'Neill High School |
| Emma Flynn | Chester Academy |
| Amanda Lombardi | Goshen Central High School |
| Colleen McKernan | Brushton-Moira High School |
| Bryant Palmer | Broadalbin Perth High School |
| Milana Pla | Wallkill Senior High School |
| Ayrton Reulet | Schuylerville High School |
| Nicole Wisnoski | Shenendehowa High School |

Group L

Facilitator: Tom McIntyre
Junior Staff: Olivia McNeill

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| Hunter Anderson | Taconic Hills High School |
| Renate Carrabba | Morris Central School |
| Kyle Culley | Bethlehem Central High School |
| Manning DelCogliano | Colonie Central High School |
| Gianna Gjelij | Pine Bush High School |
| Felicia Harris | Roscoe Central School |
| Samantha LaBarbera | John A. Coleman Catholic High School |
| Isa Leifer | Germantown Central School |
| Collin Mackenzie | Argyle Central High School |
| Sydney Sill | Columbia High School |
| Nick Sumner | Granville High School |

Blue Section

2017 Ambassadors



Section Leader: Maggie Schields

Group M

Facilitator: Anthony Viscusi
Junior Staff: Meghan Myers

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| Meaghan Doyle | Minisink High School |
| Sam Foster | Whitehall High School |
| James Gocke | Newcomb Central School |
| Madison Graupman | Walton Central School |
| Bruce Juneau | Chazy Central Rural School |
| Rachel Lee | Johnstown Senior High School |
| Tanner Lombard | Peru Sr. High School |
| Sophie Mathis | Mohonasen High School |
| Maddie McCall | Spackenkill High School |
| Marine Nimblette | John A. Coleman Catholic High School |
| Keegan Sewell | Elizabethtown-Lewis High School |

Group N

Facilitator: Cody Ingraham
Junior Staff: Hayden Hartman

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| Anointing Akpojetavwo | Poughkeepsie High School |
| Eliza Bahrenburg | Pine Bush High School |
| Jacob Calta | Richfield Springs Central High School |
| Margaret Dembergh | Tri-Valley Secondary School |
| Luke Geddies | Catholic Central High School |
| Maggie Larsen | Goshen Central High School |
| Grace Pelletier-Hoblock | Schuylerville High School |
| Alhana Post | John S. Burke Catholic HS |
| Molly Showers | Bolton Central High School |
| Bre Strouse | Northville Central School |
| Jack Teague | Cornwall Central High School |

Group O

Facilitator: Meaghan Wood
Junior Staff: Benjamin Deisle

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| Mikayla Ford | Warwick Valley High School |
| Erin Gillette | Valley Central High School |
| Macy Hayes | Tech Valley High School |
| Tessa Hilt | Niskayuna High School |
| Olivia Lee | Salem Central School |
| Michael Lilholt | Shenendehowa High School |
| Connor Patrick | La Salle Institute |
| Justin Roffman | Haldane High School |
| Bella Sakolish | Ichabod Crane High School |
| Claire Tolan | Greenville Jr/Sr High School |
| Lucas Zhou | Arlington High School |

Purple Section

2017 Ambassadors

Section Leader: Ken Wei

Group P

Facilitator: Patrick McHugh
Junior Staff: Heather Wood

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| Keagan Carson | New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School |
| Julia Foti | Walkill Senior High School |
| Ellia Gonzalez | Chester Academy |
| Mike Horner | Minisink High School |
| Demetri Jaromack | Franklin Central School |
| Lila King | Beekmantown Central School |
| Callie Kniffin | Bethlehem Central High School |
| Britt LaBarge | Northern Adirondack Central High School |
| Ashley Scofield | Schoharie High School |
| Rahul Shah | HOBY International High School |
| Vianey Diaz | Webutuck High School |

Group Q

Facilitator: Amber Decker
Junior Staff: Erik Matthews

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| Jack Aprilante | James I. O'Neill High School |
| Holly Blumenberg | S.S. Seward Institute |
| Vinny Escobar | Walton Central School |
| Taylor Hansen | Hoosic Valley Jr./Sr. High School |
| Matt Kirsch | New Paltz High School |
| Julianne LaGrassa | Ichabod Crane High School |
| Amy Laubenstein | Mayfield High School |
| Tom Omicinski | Scotia Glenville High School |
| Katie Perry | Adirondack P-TECH |
| Amelia Stevens | Chazy Central Rural School |
| Michaela Valkavich | Andes Central School |

Group R

Facilitator: Bob Ciancy
Junior Staff: Natalie Dewey

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| Donnalynn Brown | F. D. Roosevelt High School |
| Thatcher Deyoe | Maple Hill High School |
| Aidan Fecko | Shaker High School |
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| Kate McCarthy | Academy Of The Holy Names |
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| Carmen Morales | Taconic Hills High School |
| Ethan Northrop | Mechanicville High School |
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| Nick Urbin | Red Hook Senior High School |

Silver Section

2017 Ambassadors



Section Leader: Meghan Medwid

Group S
 Facilitator: Bradley Cech
 Junior Staff: Madeline DeLorenzo

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| Maddy Ackerly | Roscoe Central School |
| Maya Becker | New Paltz High School |
| Jared Everleth | Schuylerville High School |
| Autumn Headwell | Cambridge Jr/Sr High School |
| Sierra Kapple | Stissing Mt. High School |
| Nolan McNeill | Warrensburg Central School |
| Quin Peer | Saranac Lake Sr High School |
| Nessa Phillips | Poughkeepsie High School |
| Tyler Rollins | Whitehall High School |
| Madison Smith | Taconic Hills High School |
| Grace Vogel | Schoharie High School |

Group T
 Facilitator: Mark Sanok
 Junior Staff: Autumn Travis

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| Jeremias Brea | Coxsackie-Athens High School |
| Dylan Bumpus | Mayfield High School |
| Carolyn Burnell | Hoosic Valley Jr./Sr. High School |
| Jiale Chen | La Salle Institute |
| Hunter Christian | Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central H.S. |
| Rudy Gadson | Port Jervis High School |
| Gabe Goulet | South Kortright Central School |
| Trudelly Hamilton | Albany High School |
| Lizzie Odendahl | F. D. Roosevelt High School |
| Kayla Quick | Waterford Halfmoon High School |
| Carlie Relyea | Highland High School |
| Luke Van Slyke | Canajoharie Central School |

Group U
 Facilitator: Sadie Lincourt
 Junior Staff: Jack Ryan Mazzarelli

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| Chloe Beranger | Valley Central High School |
| Christina Fedullo | Broadalbin Perth High School |
| Amaya George | Troy High School |
| Sam Goldstein | Schenectady High School |
| Laina Hula | Owen D. Young Central School |
| Sam Knecht | S.S. Seward Institute |
| Eh Doh Kyi | Rensselaer Junior Senior High School |
| Rebecca Oberle | Beacon High School |
| Ryan Soron | West Canada Valley Middle/High School |
| Jo Stevenson | Niskayuna High School |
| Sydney Wayand | Stillwater Central School |

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

-Anne Frank



"The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others."

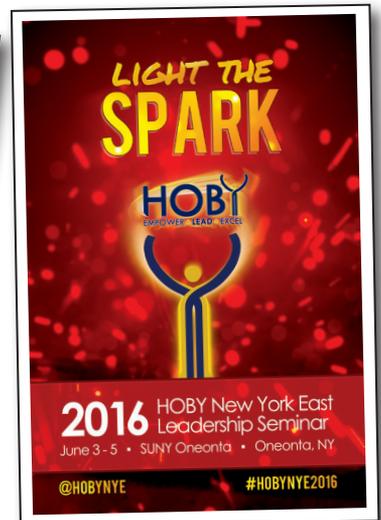
- Dr. Albert Schweitzer



"When you come to HOBY, we know you CAN make a difference in the world around you, but the more important question is WILL you?"

- Mike Perry

HOBY NYE Volunteer



"You just may start a chain reaction."

- Rachel Scott

Section Leaders

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| Orange | Tom Torello |
| Yellow | Elissa Prout* |
| Green | Claire Butterworth* |
| Blue | Maggie Schields* |
| Purple | Ken Wei |
| Silver | Meghan Medwid* |

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"True leaders empower others to achieve more than they might otherwise. They draw out the unique strengths of each team member."

- Thomas F. Crum

Facilitators

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| Orange | E Ann Bottisti |
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| Yellow | H Justin Montione, 2012 Alumnus |
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| | B James Wheeler | Webutuck High School | 2015 | 114 |
| | C Somaya Bracy | Monticello High School | 2015 | 10 |
| Orange | D Emily Kehn | Troy High School | 2016 | 100 |
| | E Alison O'Keefe | Catholic Central High School | 2015 | 101 |
| Yellow | F Brenden Bready | Walkill Senior High School | 2016 | 101 |
| | G Asata Spears | F D Roosevelt High School | 2016 | 70 |
| | H Carlin McPhee | Salem Central School | 2016 | 100 |
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| | J Elise Davis | Herkimer High School | 2015 | 137.5 |
| | K Remy Oktay | Arlington High School | 2016 | 108.5 |
| Blue | L Olivia McNeill | Warrensburg Jr/Sr High School | 2016 | 103 |
| | M Meghan Myers | Ballston Spa High School | 2015 | 148.5 |
| | N Hayden Hartman | Saranac Lake High School | 2015 | 171 |
| Purple | O Benjamin Delisle | Beekmantown High School | 2016 | 107.5 |
| | P Heather Wood | Warrensburg Jr/Sr High School | 2015 | 142.75 |
| | Q Erik Matthews | Galway High School | 2016 | 115.5 |
| Silver | R Natalie Dewey | Saranac Lake High School | 2016 | 137 |
| | S Madeline DeLorenzo | Bolton Central School | 2016 | 120.5 |
| | T Autumn Travis | Milford Central School District | 2016 | 99.5 |
| | U Jack Ryan Mazzealli | Walkill Senior High School | 2015 | 89.5 |

What Leaders Are Saying About HOBY

Sam Moore

HOBY NYE 2009 Alumni

*"The thing about HOBY is that everyone who experiences it wants to explain it and find some way of communicating how absolutely outstanding and perfect and life-changing and loud and fun and *insert a million other positive adjectives here* it is. But you can't really. After the seminar, HOBY becomes less of an experience that can be described in words and more of a way of living."*

George W. Bush

43rd President of the United States

"Education plays an essential role in helping students develop into future leaders. The skills and ideas young people acquire will help them make wise decisions in the coming years. Through these seminars, held annually in each of our United States, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) provides excellent opportunities for students to better understand the workings of democracy and the free enterprise system."

Colin L. Powell

Former United States Secretary of State

"The mission of America's Promise is to equip the next generation of Americans with the character and competence they need to be successful adults. Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) is one of our staunch allies in this crusade... HOBY is encouraging each of the thousands of high school sophomores who attend these leadership seminars to volunteer at least a hundred hours a year to a community service project. The HOBY commitment to America's Promise will produce at least 1,400,000 volunteer service hours a year."

Walter Cronkite

Award-Winning Journalist, CBS News

"Perhaps most importantly Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) has created a vehicle by which tomorrow's leaders can interact with one another and with today's leaders in learning more about themselves and the institutions which they will shape in future years."

Mikhail Gorbachev

Former President of the Soviet Union

"Perhaps all of us – politicians, scholars and public opinion makers – have not yet fully realized one simple fact. It is that we are not just standing on the threshold of a new century but are present at, and participating in, a change of epochs. Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) is helping facilitate that change."

Ted Turner

Chairman, Turner Broadcasting Systems

"You know, we business people like to say we're driven by the bottom line. The real bottom line is the future, and we owe it to our youth to prepare them for that. Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) does just that. By promoting leadership, HOBY is building a corps of young people who will be prepared to meet the challenges facing future generations."

Al Gore

Former Vice-President of the United States, and Tipper Gore

"The continued vitality of American business, our communities and our nation is highly dependent upon the knowledge and capabilities of our young people. Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) nurtures today's young people into tomorrow's leaders."

James Van Der Beek

Actor and 1993 HOBY Alumnus

"One of the best things that Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) does is it labels every student who attends the conference a leader, whether they've ever considered themselves one before or not. Second thing it does is it allows sophomores, possibly for the first time in their lives, a chance to leave behind everyone's ideas of who they are. For that weekend... they're completely free to come up with their own definition of self..."

Ronald Reagan

40th President of the United States, and First Lady Nancy Reagan

"The work of HOBY is an important factor in motivating future leaders to become full participants in our democratic process. The challenges we as a people will face in the years ahead will be more intelligently and skillfully addressed because of the investment we now make in our youth... It is the children who give Nancy and me such hope. They truly are saying no to the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and are standing up for what they know is right. HOBY also gives hope – hope for the future of our youth and our nation. Our deep appreciation goes to Hugh for his efforts."

Dr. Malcolm Gillis

University Professor and Past President of Rice University, Houston, Texas

"An extraordinarily high proportion of HOBY participants have gone on to leadership positions in business, government and education. This is just one of the reasons leading colleges and universities take special notice of student applications that feature HOBY participation."

Muhammad Ali

Olympic Gold Medalist and Heavyweight Boxing Champion

"In this world, success comes to those with confidence and faith in themselves. Hugh O'Brian's youth organization is the GREATEST in developing that confidence in outstanding 10th graders selected annually to represent over 13,500 public and private high schools at one of HOBY's leadership seminars. What an outstanding role model for our future!"

Mike Huckabee

Former Governor of Arkansas, 1971 HOBY Alumnus

"Attending the Hugh O'Brian Leadership (HOBY) seminar in 1971 was a genuine turning point in my life. It was my first time to fly on an airplane, travel out of the state, and meet people from around the nation and world. I forged friendships that have continued for years, and the impact of HOBY is a large part of why I am Governor of my state today."

Dr. Henry Kissinger

Former United States Secretary of State

"World peace can only benefit from future leaders who have the ability to communicate their wisdom and understanding. The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) experience offers these young people the opportunity to expand their horizons by increasing the knowledge of the world they live, through interaction with today's leaders."

George H. W. Bush

41st President of the United States, and First Lady Barbara Bush

"Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) – and its countless volunteers – have developed a way to educate America's next generation in the art and purposes of leading a free people; and that is an enduring and significant achievement."

Norman R. Augustine

Former Chairman and CEO, Lockheed Martin Corp.

"Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership has continuously responded to societal changes for over 46 years, ensuring its ability to inspire young men and women so that they, in turn, may make positive contributions to their communities. Through HOBY leadership seminars... young people are given an extraordinary opportunity to prepare to become the leaders of tomorrow."

Elizabeth Dole

Former United States Senator

"Our country has some big and exciting challenges ahead, with some tough choices. Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) offers a program for our youth to prepare for these challenges and presents them with the opportunity to put their stamp on history."

Hilary Rodham Clinton

Former United States Senator and Secretary of State

"By encouraging leadership and educating teenagers about the vast world of opportunities before them, the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) program is making a very important contribution to our nation's future."

Alumni Reflections

Doug Appenzeller

HOBY NYE Alumnus

"The world may be filled with cynical and competitive organizations, but HOBY is one of the few that works to craft young leaders in a positive light. This positivity is what our schools and communities need more of. Thank you for bringing it to us."

Kat Rice

HOBY NYE Alumna

"Before I came to HOBY, I thought I was too young to make a difference in the world. HOBY taught me that you are never too young to take a stand and support something you believe in."

Nicholas Stallman

HOBY NYE Alumnus

"You have inspired me to 'shoot for the stars,' and not only that but you showed me how to accomplish every goal I've ever had. You set a spark in my heart, and you lit a fire in my very soul."

Frank Fandozzi

HOBY NYE Alumnus

"As an ambitious young man, this seminar has given me the skills and tools to better focus my ambition. HOBY is an engaging and motivating program that promotes youth leadership and positive social change."

Tiffany Gao

HOBY NYE Alumna

"This is such an amazing program that has changed me for the better. It is truly life changing. Not only has it made me a more engaged citizen in my community, but it motivated me to challenge myself and start projects that will give back to the communities around me. Everything about this program will stick with me for life."

Ryan Clouse

HOBY NYE Alumnus

"HOBY has changed my life. I don't know how it has, but I feel something inside of me, something that is new and unique. I'm starting to think it's my purpose."

Alaina Martin

HOBY NYE Alumna

"HOBY has been a life changer for me. HOBY is a family and I love everyone involved. It has taught me how to advocate for what I believe in and change the world. I now know that I, as well as my fellow ambassadors, are the most powerful agents of change and if we ever need help, the HOBY family's got our backs. Thank you so much for supporting this amazing organization, and for giving me the best experience of my life. "

Ashley Howell

HOBY NYE Alumna

"Each activity empowered me and made me forget about my fear. Not only were we educated on how to become a leader, set goals, and get involved with community service, we learned how to work together and excel as a group. When I return from HOBY, all of my friends will ask me 'How was HOBY?' The only response I can give is 'You would only understand if you went.'"

Kimberly Gilbert

HOBY NYE Alumna

"This weekend was fun and educational for me. I learned more about who I am and my leadership skills have improved. Before I came here, I was never fond of sharing my ideas or talking in public. Now, I can do all of that with ease. Confidence is a key aspect to leadership and through HOBY I gained it. A positive change is noticeable in all of the ambassadors. HOBY benefitted all of us in more ways than expected."

Seamus Tomb

HOBY NYE Alumnus

"It has inspired and taught me how to lead and contribute to my community in a positive way. Learning how everybody here at HOBY has found a purpose and done amazing things to accomplish their goals of positive social change has shown me that leading to make a change isn't just something that you hear about in the news. It is something that everyone can do, once they put their mind to it. "

WE ARE FAMILY!



*"Giving of any kind... taking an action... begins the process of change, and moves us to remember that we are part of a much greater universe."
- Mballi Creazzo*



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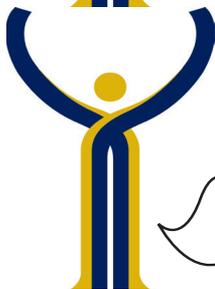
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Bruce, We are so proud of you!! Have a great time! Love, Mom and Dad

HI Nick. We are so proud of you for being selected and participating in this great event. Enjoy and have fun! Love Mom & Dad



Jacob Lyons, You are going to achieve great things! We are proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad, Josh & Emily

Zach, Have a fantastic time! We're so proud of you! - Mom, Dad, and Kyle



Jack We are so proud of you and hope you are having a terrific time at HOBY! The TeagueJam

Claire, we are super proud of you! Have a great time at HOBY. -mom, dad, and Cormac



Chloe, Be the leader we know you are. Love you, miss you and ENJOY! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Nicole, Krista and Hank

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Ryan, You always make us proud and we hope you have a wonderful weekend where you can gain even more life experiences! Love, Mom & Dad

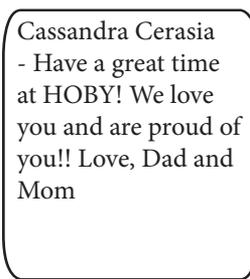
Jack, Hope you have a great weekend!! We are so proud of you:) Love Ya! Mom, Dad and Char



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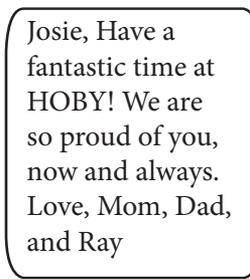
Erin, So proud your teachers recognized your hard work and selected you for HOBY! Hope you made great memories!
Love you! Mom & Dad



Cassandra Cerasia
- Have a great time at HOBY! We love you and are proud of you!! Love, Dad and Mom



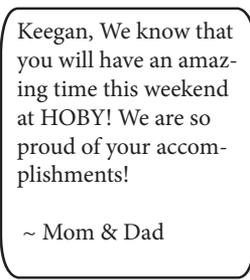
Jules, We are always so proud of you and we hope your weekend is Amazing!!
Love, Mon & Dad



Josie, Have a fantastic time at HOBY! We are so proud of you, now and always.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Ray



Madison Elizabeth, We are so proud of all you are accomplishing and the wonderful path you are heading down!
We love you!
-Mom and Dad

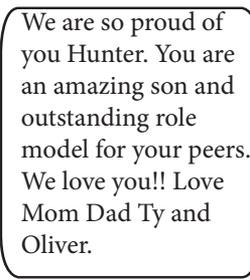


Keegan, We know that you will have an amazing time this weekend at HOBY! We are so proud of your accomplishments!

~ Mom & Dad



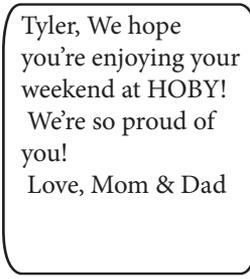
Jonathan, We are very proud of you! WE hope you have an awesome weekend at HOBY!
WAY TO GO!!!!
Love, Matthew, Mom and Dad



We are so proud of you Hunter. You are an amazing son and outstanding role model for your peers.
We love you!! Love Mom Dad Ty and Oliver.



Christina, We are so proud of you and excited about what the future holds for you!
-Mom, Dad, and Emily



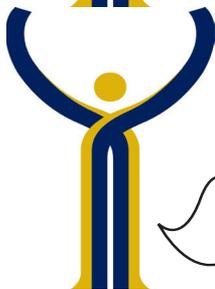
Tyler, We hope you're enjoying your weekend at HOBY!
We're so proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad

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Matt, We hope you have an amazing weekend. This is a great opportunity you have been given. Enjoy, we're so proud of you!
Mom, Dad & Drew

James, We're proud of you for letting your light shine brightly! Love, Dad, Mom, Lance, Emma, Aina, Peter, Sarah, and Abby



Congratulations Julia Greco! We're proud of all that you have done, and know you're about to do many more great things!

Christopher, We are very proud of who you are and everything that you do. Hope you have a terrific weekend!

Love, Mom & Dad



To my dearest Christian Alexander, I hope you are having a memorable time that will always stay with you. I'm beyond proud of you.
LOVE MOM

We are very proud of you Doozie and we know you will go far in life! We love you bug,
Mom and Dad



Congratulations Luke on your Outstanding HOBY Ambassadorship. We are so proud of you!
Love- Mom and Dad

Elizabeth, We hope you have a great time. We are so proud of you.

Mom, Dad, Matthew and Emily



Michael,

We are so proud of you! We hope you are having an exceptional time and enjoying the seminar. We love you!

Love, Mom and Dad

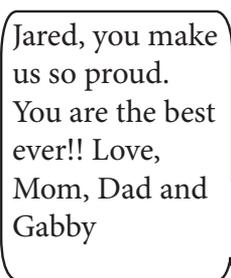
Veronica,
Every day You make us so proud and we know that this is just the beginning of continued success for You!
Love,
Mom & Dad



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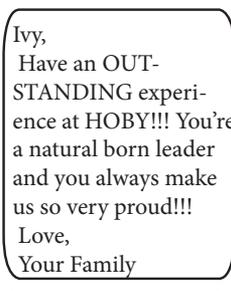
Lucas, We are proud of you. From winning U.S. No 1 in science competition to HOBY leadership, you are the best. With Love, Mom Dad & York



Jared, you make us so proud. You are the best ever!! Love, Mom, Dad and Gabby



Donnalynn, We are so proud of you! Have a fun weekend at HOBY!! Love, Mom, Carmine, Mikey, Payton, Lyvia, Matthew and Josie :)



Ivy, Have an OUT-STANDING experience at HOBY!!! You're a natural born leader and you always make us so very proud!!! Love, Your Family



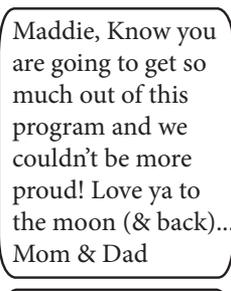
Aidan, We are very Proud of You!! Enjoy the weekend seminar in Oneonta. Love Mom, Dad, Logan and Liam



Amelia, Have a wonderful time this weekend. We are so proud of you, Ya Ya!



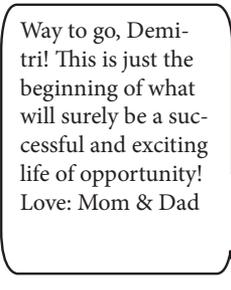
Rebecca (BHS), Enjoy your weekend at HOBY! You make us so proud! So happy that you have this opportunity. We love you. Mom and Dad



Maddie, Know you are going to get so much out of this program and we couldn't be more proud! Love ya to the moon (& back)... Mom & Dad



Congratulations Morgan - We are so proud of you - Mom, Dad and Dalton



Way to go, Demetri! This is just the beginning of what will surely be a successful and exciting life of opportunity! Love: Mom & Dad

SHOUT OUTS!



Grace, We hope you have a great weekend. We are so proud of you!
Love you,
Mommy, Momma, Katie, Claire, Dog and Dolly

Christian - We are so proud of you!
Hope you have a fantastic time here at HOBY!! The 9 of us will be missing you and we all love you!!!!



Mikayla,
We're so proud of you being chosen to participate in this unique event. We love you!

Mom, Dad and Leo

Sweetheart, we hope you have a wonderful time at HOBY! We love you so much and we are so so proud you! Go Amy!

-Mom and Dad



We're very proud of you for taking on this experience! Others will see the strong and determined young woman you are. We love you!

Ariana, we are so proud of you, representing QHS at this HOBY seminar. Have fun and make lots of memories!
Love U, Mom, Dad and Matthew



Chrissy, Mom & I hope that you had a blast at HOBY this weekend!
We are proud of you! Love Mom & Dad!

Michael H. We are so grateful you have this opportunity at HOBY. We are very proud of you.
#minisinkproud
Love, Mom, Dad, Joey & Timmy



Meaghan,
Hope you have an AMAZING weekend at HOBY!
We're so proud of you!
Love Mom, Eric, Ryan, and Sarah

Victoria Arnold, We are so proud of you ! We hope you have a wonderful time at HOBY! We love you.
---Love Mom,Dad, Samantha,Matthew, Nicholas



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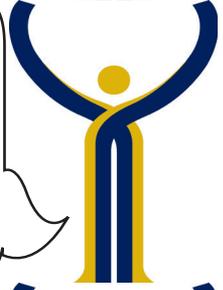
Dear Samantha,
We are so very proud of all your accomplishments!
Enjoy your HOBY experience!
Love, Mom & Dad

finley, we hope you have a great weekend! See you on Sunday.... keep smiling-
mom,dad,tre,brian and maggie



Meghan, Have a great weekend!
You are OUT-STANDING!
Mom and Dad love you!!

Britt, We hope you have a fantastic weekend at HOBY!
We are so very proud of you!!
-Dad, Mom, Troy & Jackson



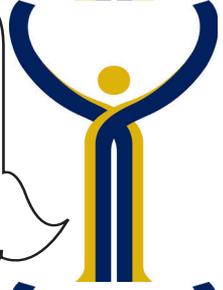
Trudelly, as you grow older I want you to try your best to achieve your dreams and Live life to the fullest!
-Mom and Dad

Natalie, words cannot express our feelings for you. You are so full of life and fun.
Enjoy your time away.
We love you!
-Mom and Dad



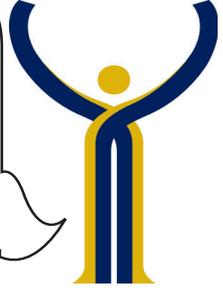
Liza, You must do things you think you can not do. Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I'm possible. Love Mom and Dad.

Anna, you are truly amazing and I am very proud of all that you do!
Love you! Mom



Kahlia, I hope you had an awesome HOBY weekend. We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Grandma and Poppy

Renate, Have fun!!! We love you and are so proud of you -
Mom and Dad

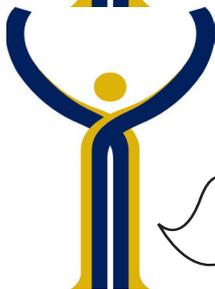


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Althea, You Rock! XOXO Mom, Dad, Eudora, Kitty, Martin, Henry & Picabo

Awesome job Bre keep up the good work! These are memories in the making and we know that you will be making many more. Love Mom and Garrett



Amaya, We are so proud of you! Enjoy your weekend at HOBY and make the most of it. We love you! Mom & Dad

Ethan, We are so proud of you!!! We just know you will be amazing at whatever you choose to do!! Love, Mom and Dad



Ethan, We are so proud of you!!! We just know you will be amazing at whatever you choose to do!! Love, Mom and Dad

Ayrton -- we hope that you have an AWESOME weekend at HOBY!! BTW, Romeo is wondering where SpiderMonkey is (*,*)



Lauren, I hope you have an amazing weekend at HOBY! You always make me proud! -Mom

So proud of you B. Love, mommie xoxo



Justin G, We are truly excited that you had the opportunity to participate in HOBY for the weekend. So proud of you !! Love, Mom and Sean

BabyGirl Sophie, We are so proud of you and hope you have a wonderful weekend at HOBY. Love, Mom, Dad, Jesse, and Meema



SHOUT OUTS!



Ringo, We are so proud of you! Now we can rest easy knowing that boarding school will be right for you. See you at Christmas! Mom & Dad

Rachel, We hope you had an Amazing weekend and made great memories. We are very proud of everything you do! Love, Mom and Dad



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Congratulations and HOBY HUGS to Meghan Medwid, in honor of her 15 years of service to HOBY NYE!



Who better to put out the fires that pop up than Sarah Hovick, firefighter and 10 year volunteer of HOBY NYE!

Elissa Prout worked HOBY events BEFORE she attended seminar! Congrats on your 10 years of service to HOBY NYE!



Kat Brown, you're about to have a VERY good day... because it's your 10th anniversary as a HOBY NYE volunteer!

He was lost, but now is found...Jake Helmeset is in his 10th year of volunteer service with the HOBY NYE seminar!



Congratulations to all of our volunteers celebrating their 5 year anniversary with HOBY NYE. Thank you for your service!

Welcome to all of our new volunteers and staff members. We look forward to your contributions!



Leadership for Service SMART Goals Worksheet and Action Plan

Developing Your SMART Goals:

- What do you want to do?
- How will you do it?
- What skills will be required to meet your desired outcome?
- Can it be done?
- What is the timeframe for completion?

Goal: _____

Benefits of achieving this goal: _____

What obstacles may stand in the way of achieving this goal? _____

Are there any special skills/knowledge that will be needed to achieve this goal? _____

Who can help you achieve this goal?

| | |
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| Action Step: _____ | Deadline: _____ |

Making Your Goals

SMART

- Specific
- Measurable
- Attainable
- Realistic
- Timely

Planning for success:

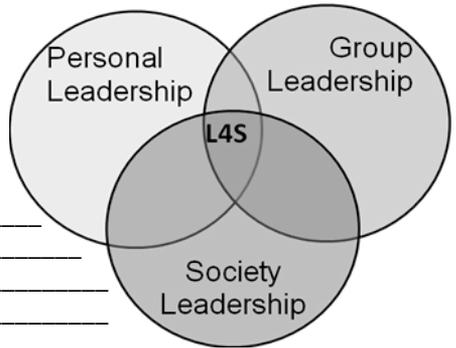
- Step 1: Identify your goal.**
- Step 2: Outline the benefits from reaching this goal.**
- Step 3: Identify and assess any obstacles to reaching this goal.**
- Step 4: Identify the skills or knowledge required to reach this goal.**
- Step 5: Identify individuals, groups and organizations to work with to achieve this goal.**
- Step 6: Establish a plan of action to reach this goal.**
- Step 7: Determine a completion date for the goal.**
- Step 8: Evaluate the process and your success in achieving the goal.**

Don't Forget to Log Your Service Hours!

HOBY's Leadership for Service Program rewards and recognizes ambassadors who complete 100 hours of community service within one year of the completion of their HOBY seminar. Log your hours into the L4S system by visiting HOBY's website at www.hoby.org.

Personal Leadership

Define a leader: _____



My Leadership Strengths Are:

Leadership Skills I Need to Work On:

Group Leadership

My Leadership Strengths Are:

Leadership Skills I Need to Work On:

Society Leadership

My Leadership Strengths Are:

Leadership Skills I Need to Work On:

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