The Young Leaders Council is...

A diverse group of young leaders who are bridging the gap between the student perspective and staff experience through targeted outreach, material development and collaboration.

Works directly with Holly Goshin, Director of Leadership for Best Buddies International

10 initiatives are scheduled for the 2018-2019 YLC year
YLC OVERVIEW

2018-2019 YLC Members

Jason Nguyen, 2018-2020
Kylee Sanchez, 2018-2020
Roshni Patel, 2018-2020
Mitch O’Meara, 2018-2020
Morgan Olszewski, 2017-2020 (Vice Chair)
Kierra Giarrusso, 2018-2020
Sam Cook, 2017-2020 (Chair)
Essi Wunderman, 2018-2020
Emily Calvert, 2018-2020
Alex Keith, 2018-2020
Sarah Williams, 2017-2019
Kelvin Cifuentes, 2017-2019
Josh Felder, 2018-2020
Alphonso Murphy, 2018-2020
Lynsie Bailey, 2018-2020
The Integrated Employment Initiative spreads awareness of employment opportunities within BBI and researching additional opportunities for people with IDD.

- **Promote job readiness**, both for individuals with IDD and employers who are willing to hire

- Connecting chapters with the appropriate resources and working with each state to promote “work focused” Ambassador trainings

### Initiative Team

**Team Lead:** Kylee Sanchez  
- Lynsie Bailey  
- Kelvin Cifuentes  
- Jason Nguyen

**Support Lead:** Morgan Olszewski

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**Contact chapters about “work focused” sessions**  
**Continue research & job readiness facilitation**
The National Grants Initiative produced academic research and writing samples to assist the Best Buddies Grants team.

This initiative was completed in two parts:

- Conducted academic research and aggregation to provide supporting evidence that demonstrated the necessity of social inclusion, employment and leadership for individuals with IDD

- Updated the organizational structure narrative for grants in regards to the changes Best Buddies International made to their programs
The Regional YLC Participation Initiative collaborates with state/local offices to connect them with a regional representative from the YLC.

- Through **attendance at regional milestones** like Local Leadership Training Day, Global Volunteer Training, Friendship Walks and other fundraisers, YLC members will be able to provide real-time support all year long

- YLC members will continue to **engage student leaders on a local level** and use their perspectives to inform future initiatives
The Scholarship Initiative develops 3 scholarships for outstanding Best Buddies members to help further their education, and by extension their work with the organization.

- By creating three $300 scholarships to award at the 30th BBLC in July 2019, the YLC will recognize an outstanding peer buddy, buddy and associate member for their commitment to Best Buddies.

- In addition to securing funding for the aforementioned YLC Scholarship Fund, ongoing resources are being developed surrounding existing scholarship opportunities available to Best Buddies members utilizing tools like Scholly.

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- Roshni Patel
- Mitch O’Meara
- Jason Nguyen
- Kelvin Cifuentes

**Support Lead:** Sam Cook

**Initiative Team**

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The **Presume Competence Initiative** takes a creative approach to inclusion-based programming.

**Awareness**
- Provide chapter leaders with the necessary resources to **highlight the ability** of everyone in their chapters

**Empowerment**
- Creating materials that facilitate **age appropriate** **activities**, and encouraging people to speak up if these guidelines are not being followed

**Leadership**
- Working with the Ambassador team to create/improve upon a **nonverbal Ambassador track**

**Inclusion**
- Continuing to engage new populations within programming to make sure that everyone feels included

**Initiative Team**
- **Team Lead:** Sarah Williams
  - Essi Wunderman
  - Jason Nguyen
  - Kelvin Cifuentes
- **Support Lead:** Sam Cook

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**Pilot Ambassador Training in Capital Region**
The Executive Board Mentorship Program creates resources and forums that detail Best Buddies knowledge/best practices to pass along to new Chapter Presidents.

- Use mechanisms such as surveys, forums & social media to identify topics that would benefit new chapter leaders (i.e. Best Fundraisers, Ways to Recruit, etc.)

- House all created materials on the YLC website to encourage new Chapter Presidents to interact with the YLC on a more personal level

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

**Team Leads:** Roshni Patel & Essi Wunderman
  - Kierra Giarrusso
  - Emily Calvert
  - Alex Burd
  - Jason Nguyen

**Support Lead:** Morgan Olszewski

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The Webinar Series Initiative empowers people through inspiring resources that can be utilized to promote the Best Buddies mission.

- Webinars will cover topics such as “See Me for My Abilities” & “How Are You a Leader” to provide ideas and frameworks for leadership across a variety of audiences

- Archived webinars will be stored on the YLC website to be used in future training sessions

**WEBINAR SERIES**

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**Team Lead:**
Alphonso Murphy
- Kylee Sanchez
- Josh Felder
- Sarah Williams
- Jason Nguyen

**Support Lead:** Sam Cook

**Initiative Team**
The Website/Social Media Calendar engages the broader Best Buddies community with YLC initiatives.

Below is a representative example of a social media calendar for the YLC Instagram page- additional posts will be added on an as needed/relevant basis.

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**Team Leads:**
Lynsie Bailey (social media) & Mitch O’Meara (website)

- Kylee Sanchez
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**Initiative Team**

Website is integrating with the BBI Content Library Leadership Pillar; holding until release of the platform.
The Friendship Walk Starter Packs Initiative creates “how-to” guides for organizing more effective friendship walk teams or assisting chapters in starting their own friendship walks.

- Developing resources that promote community engagement, fundraising and how to create/grow a team
- The team is identifying a list of PMs and other relevant members to assist with the dissemination of the main resources to students who would be interested in learning more

**Initiative Team**

**Team Leads:**
Emily Calvert & Lynsie Bailey
- Kierra Giarrusso
- Alex Keith
- Josh Felder
- Jason Nguyen

**Support Lead:** Morgan Olszewski

**Sept. 2018**

**Oct. 2018**

**Nov. 2018**

**Dec. 2018**

**Jan. 2019**

**Feb. 2019**

**March 2019**

**April 2019**

**May 2019**

**June 2019**

- **Primary “Starter Pack” completed**
- **Identifying and sharing the resources with chapters around the country**
The **Leadership Academy Curriculum** will drive the Leadership track and the delivery of upcoming Leadership Academy trainings.

- Work with Holly Goshin to **develop materials and resources** to conduct ongoing Leadership Academy trainings
- Plan, develop and facilitate the **Advanced Leadership track at the 30th BBLC** in addition to any ongoing leadership training courses in regions of interest