

# The Young Leaders Council is...

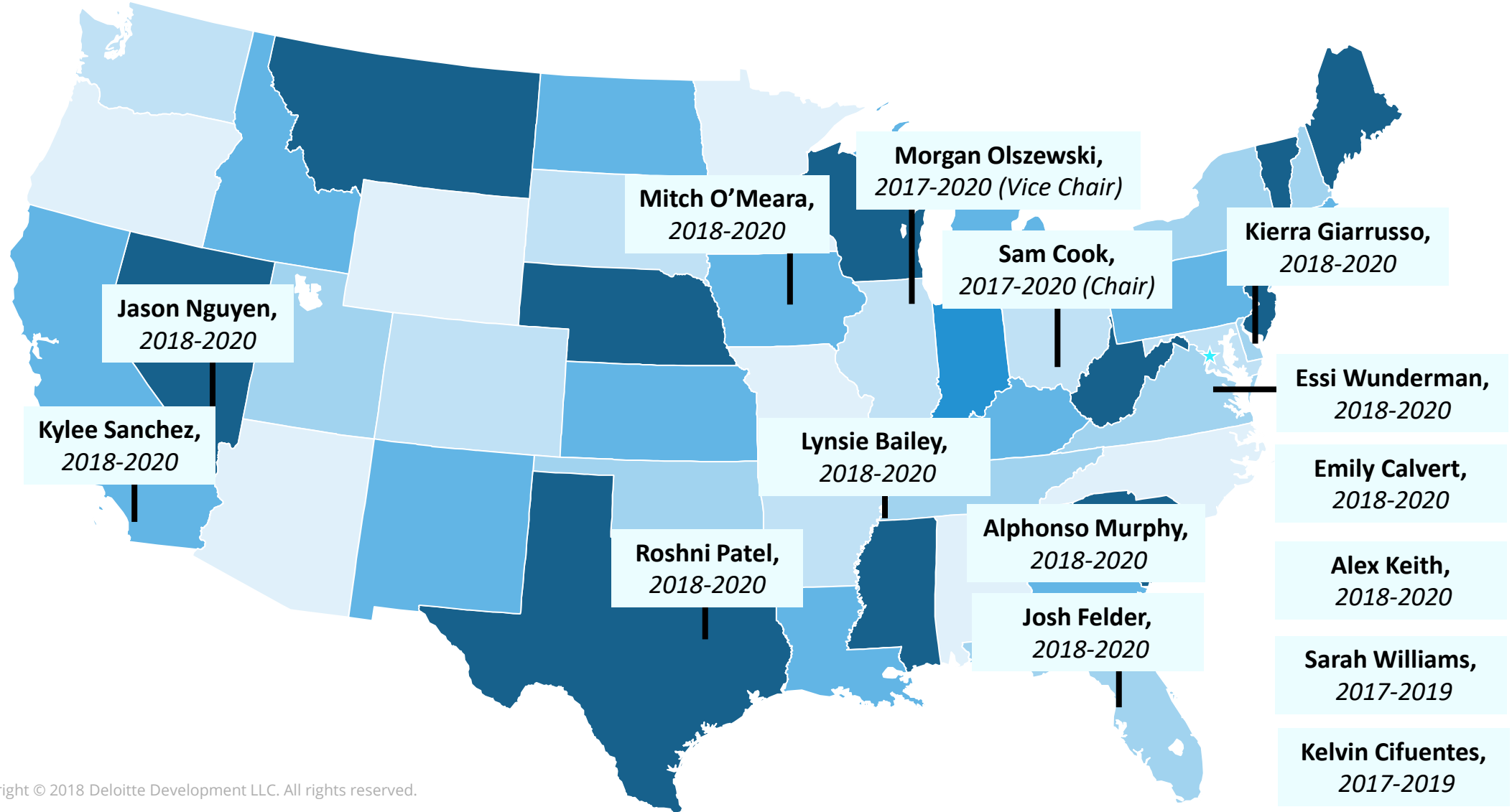
15 members from 10 different states with & without IDD

**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

# 2018-2019 YLC Members



# The Integrated Employment Initiative spreads awareness of employment opportunities within BBI and researching additional opportunities for people with IDD.

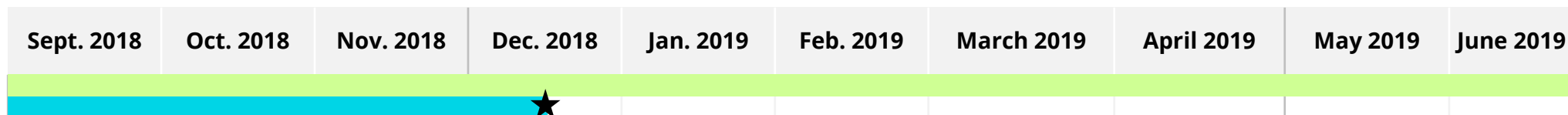
- **Promote job readiness**, both for individuals with IDD and employers who are willing to hire
- Connecting chapters with the appropriate resources and working with each state to **promote “work focused” Ambassador trainings**

**Team Lead:  
Kylee Sanchez**

- Lysie Bailey
- Kelvin Cifuentes
- Jason Nguyen

*Support Lead: Morgan Olszewski*

**Initiative Team**



**Contact chapters about  
“work focused” sessions**

**Continue research & job  
readiness facilitation**

## NATIONAL GRANTS

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

**Team Lead:**  
**Morgan Olszewski**

- Mitch O'Meara
- Emily Calvert
- Roshni Patel
- Jason Nguyen
  - Alex Burd
- Kelvin Cifuentes

*Support Lead: Amy Share*

**Initiative Team**

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**Grants research  
submitted**

## REGIONAL YLC PARTICIPATION

The **Regional YLC Participation Initiative** collaborates with state/local offices to connect them with a regional representative from the YLC.

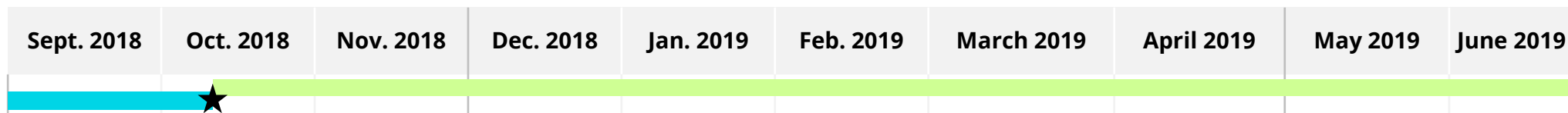
- Through **attendance at regional milestones** like Local Leadership Training Day, Global Volunteer Training, Friendship Walks and other fundraisers, YLC members will be able to provide real-time support all year long
- YLC members will continue to **engage student leaders on a local level** and use their perspectives to inform future initiatives

**Team Leads:**  
**Mitch O'Meara & Essi Wunderman**

- Kylee Sanchez
- Jason Nguyen

*Support Leads: Sam Cook & Morgan Olszewski*

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The **Scholarship Initiative** develops 3 scholarships for outstanding Best Buddies members to help further their education, and by extension their work with the organization.

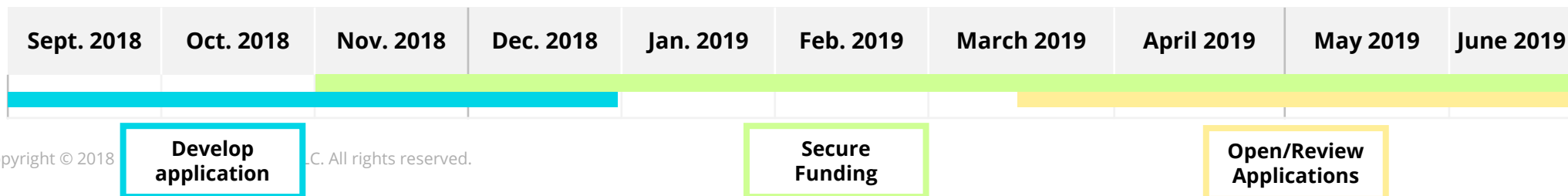
- By **creating three \$300 scholarships** to award at the 30<sup>th</sup> BBLC in July 2019, the YLC will recognize an outstanding peer buddy, buddy and associate member for their commitment to Best Buddies
- In addition to securing funding for the aforementioned YLC Scholarship Fund, ongoing resources are being developed surrounding **existing scholarship opportunities** available to Best Buddies members utilizing tools like Scholly

**Team Lead:**  
**Kierra Giarrusso**

- Roshni Patel
- Mitch O'Meara
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- Kelvin Cifuentes

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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

**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.

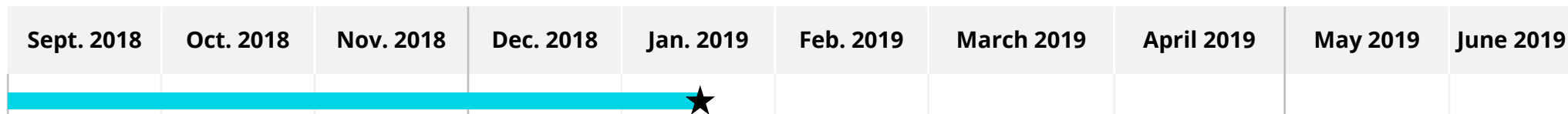
- Use mechanisms such as surveys, forums & social media to **identify topics that would benefit new chapter leaders** (i.e. Best Fundraisers, Ways to Recruit, etc.)
- House all created materials on the YLC website to **encourage new Chapter Presidents to interact with the YLC** on a more personal level

**Team Leads:**  
**Roshni Patel & Essi Wunderman**

- Kierra Giarrusso
- Emily Calvert
- Alex Burd
- Jason Nguyen

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**Develop first set of materials**



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

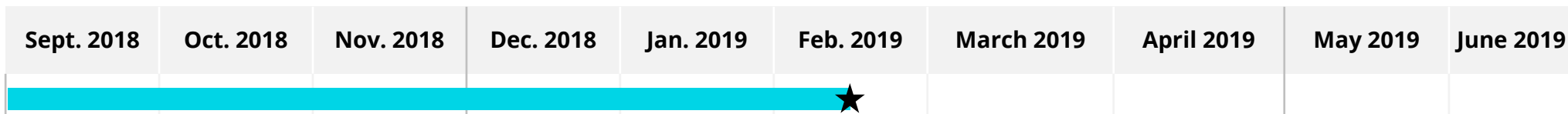
- Webinars will cover topics such as **“See Me for My Abilities”** & **“How Are You a Leader”** to provide ideas and frameworks for leadership across a variety of audiences
- **Archived webinars** will be stored on the YLC website to be used in future training sessions

**Team Lead:  
Alphonso Murphy**

- Kylee Sanchez
- Josh Felder
- Sarah Williams
- Jason Nguyen

*Support Lead: Sam Cook*

**Initiative Team**



**Conduct first  
webinar**

# 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*

October Social Media Calendar						
	1	2	3	4	5 <i>Initiative Update</i>	6
7	8 -----	9	10 <i>#StrongBuddies Campaign</i>	11	12 -----	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 <i>Initiative Update</i>	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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

- Kylee Sanchez
- Josh Felder
- Essi Wunderman
- Jason Nguyen

*Support Lead: Sam Cook*

## 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.

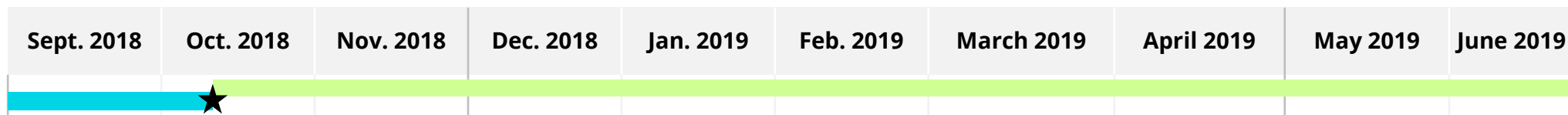
- Developing resources that **promote community engagement**, fundraising and how to create/grow a team
- The team is identifying a list of PMs and other relevant members to assist with the **dissemination of the main resources** to students who would be interested in learning more

**Team Leads:**  
**Emily Calvert & Lysie Bailey**

- Kierra Giarrusso
  - Alex Keith
  - Josh Felder
  - Jason Nguyen

*Support Lead: Morgan Olszewski*

**Initiative Team**



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 30<sup>th</sup> BBLC** in addition to any ongoing leadership training courses in regions of interest

**Team Lead:  
Sam Cook**

- Essi Wunderman
  - Emily Calvert
- Alphonso Murphy
  - Jason Nguyen
  - Alex Burd
- Sarah Williams

*Support Lead: Holly Goshin*

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**Facilitate Advanced Leadership Track**