

A black and white photograph of a park scene. In the foreground, a person is skateboarding on a paved path. To the right, a group of people is walking. The background features trees and a building. A large red banner with white text is overlaid across the middle of the image.

Annual Youth Program Awards

2025 Youth Program Awards

The awards recognize exceptional contributions by those who have made a lasting impact on youth programming during the **2024 calendar year**.

Youth Program Staff Member of the Year

Youth Program Leader of the Year

Outstanding Youth Program of the Year

Thank you to all who submitted nominations!

YOUTH PROGRAMS SYMPOSIUM

2025 Youth Program Awards

Youth Program Staff Member of the Year

For a staff member (employee or volunteer) who has gone above and beyond to ensure the success of the youth program.

This award honors a staff member (employee or volunteer) who has demonstrated exceptional dedication and effort within a youth program. The recipient has consistently exceeded their responsibilities, ensuring events run smoothly and supporting the youth program's success in every way possible. Their contributions have made a significant impact on the overall experience for youth participants and fellow program staff.

YOUTH PROGRAMS SYMPOSIUM

2025 Youth Program Awards

Youth Program Staff Member of the Year

NOMINEES

Congratulations to all of the following individuals for being nominated:

Molly Barten

Hunter Clapsadl

Lily Erkkila

Susheel Nethi

Kaylee Phillips Wellik

Jenny Smith

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Youth Program Staff Member of the Year

“Her ability to connect with families, educators, and community partners has strengthened [our unit’s] educational outreach and enriched the experiences of countless participants. [She] regularly works alongside volunteers to ensure safety compliance, lessons grounded in approved curriculum, and new ideas are fostered for dynamic programming. More than all of that, [she] is a nurturing and caring individual who can effectively manage a classroom, multiple tours, and her other full-time duties ... with grace, attention to detail, and creativity.”

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Congratulations

Molly Barten

Youth Program Staff Member of the Year

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2025 Youth Program Awards

Youth Program Leader of the Year

For exceptional leadership and impact on youth and volunteers.

This award recognizes an individual who has shown exceptional leadership in a youth program during the 2024 year. The recipient has gone above and beyond their role, creating impactful and memorable experiences for both youth participants and volunteers. This leader has inspired growth, fostered a positive environment, and contributed to the overall success of the program.

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2025 Youth Program Awards

Youth Program Leader of the Year

NOMINEES

Congratulations to all of the following individuals for being nominated:

Alexis Campbell

Anindita Das

Alexa Groff

Jenny Smith

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2025 Youth Program Awards

Youth Program Leader of the Year

"[Nominee] is the gold standard for leadership in youth programming. Our students cherish their summer experiences. Many of our students have found new passions, career interests, or academic programs through participating in our programs. The programs also benefit our counselors by helping them network with professionals in their field, connect to the campus community, and learn the joys of working with young people. None of that would be possible without [nominee's] intentional work in our programs. Through her influential and committed leadership, [she] facilitates meaningful, uplifting, and joyful extracurricular experiences."

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Congratulations

Alexis Campbell

Youth Program Leader of the Year

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2025 Youth Program Awards

Outstanding Youth Program of the Year

For a program that has delivered excellent experiences and outcomes.

The Outstanding Youth Program of the Year award celebrates a program that has delivered exceptional youth programming in 2024. This program has gone above and beyond expectations, creating meaningful events that made a lasting impact on participants. It stands out due to its creativity, effectiveness, culture of safety, and the overall positive contribution it has made to youth development.

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2025 Youth Program Awards

Outstanding Youth Program of the Year

NOMINEES

Congratulations to all of the following programs for being nominated:

Advocating for My Relationships (ADMYRE)

Creators of Tomorrow

Insect Zoo

KIN Kids

Science Bound

State Science & Technology Fair of Iowa

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Outstanding Youth Program of the Year

“In many schools, Domestic Violence isn’t addressed, and materials are outdated or presented in a lecture-based format that doesn’t resonate with younger audiences. [This program] addresses this through an immersive storytelling simulation and hands-on debrief activities. Stories are based on real-life experiences, sourced from news reports and interviews with survivors, and reviewed by the Iowa Coalition Against DV ensuring authenticity and relatability for youth. ... Following the program, youth showed significant increases in knowledge of topics surrounding identifying healthy and unhealthy relationship behaviors, how to be an effective bystander, and how to stay safe in relationships. ... 95% of participants had a positive experience with the program content, activities, and facilitators. Since its creation in 2022, over 1,000 youth have gone through the program.”

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Congratulations

Advocating for My Relationships (ADMYRE)

Outstanding Youth Program of the Year

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IN CLOSING

**Looking Ahead:
Coming Soon to Youth Programs At ISU**

Brandy Cunningham
Youth & Volunteer Programs Manager

A Look at Where We're Going

Enhanced Communications & Recognition

- Annual reports by college
- Recognition of 100% compliance & Award recipients

Individual Program Support

- Site Visits (beginning summer 2025)
- Examples & Templates

Updated Policy & Procedures

- Policy Review
- Youth Program Stakeholders Group

YOUTH PROGRAMS SYMPOSIUM

Evaluation

Please take a few minutes
to complete the Symposium Evaluation

We value your feedback!

https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Ld9Ns8HD1UQV2m

A thumbnail image of the evaluation form. It features the Iowa State University Risk Management logo and a banner for the 'YOUTH PROGRAMS SYMPOSIUM' on 'Tues, April 15, 2025'. Below the banner, it asks participants to indicate their satisfaction with various aspects of the symposium using a five-point scale from 'Very Satisfied' to 'Very Dissatisfied'. The aspects listed are: Ease of Registration, Event Platform (Zoom), Content/Subject Areas, Speakers & Presenters, Time allocated for discussion, and Overall conference experience. Each aspect has a corresponding row of five empty circles for selection.

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Ease of Registration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Event Platform (Zoom)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Content/Subject Areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speakers & Presenters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Time allocated for discussion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall conference experience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

YOUTH PROGRAMS SYMPOSIUM

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

THANK YOU

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A few final reminders...

- Session recordings and other presentation materials will be available on the Symposium web page
- PLEASE fill out the Symposium Evaluation (linked in chat) to share feedback and notes for improvements
- Reach out, ask questions, learn from one another, share resources

YOUTH PROGRAMS SYMPOSIUM

Tuesday, April 15, 2025



**Thank You
For Attending**

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