

# 2009 National Youth Science Camp Delegates

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## Alabama

### Nikki Edwards

*Hometown:* Mobile  
*High School:* John L. Leflore HS  
*College:* Tuskegee University  
*Major:* Nursing  
*Career Plans:* Nurse

### Keith Kellogg

*Hometown:* Huntsville  
*High School:* Catholic HS  
*College:* Auburn University  
*Major:* Mechanical Engineering  
*Career Plans:* Department of Defense

## Alaska

### Christopher Liu

*Hometown:* Bethel  
*High School:* Mount Edgecumbe HS  
*College:* University of Alaska-Fairbanks  
*Major:* Biochemistry/Business/Music  
*Career Plans:* Neuroscience Research - Musical Cognition

### Madelyn Peterson

*Hometown:* Palmer  
*High School:* Palmer HS  
*College:*  
*Major:* Environmental Studies/Spanish  
*Career Plans:* Undecided

## Argentina

### Felipe Garcia

*Hometown:* Buenos Aires  
*High School:* Instituto Industrial Luis A. Huergo  
*College:* School of Science, University of Buenos Aires  
*Major:* Chemistry

### Micaela Ramon Michel

*Hometown:* Salta  
*High School:* CEDSA  
*College:* Universidad Nacional de Biología e Instituto, Miguel Lillo  
*Major:* Biology

### Agus Zaffaroni

*Hometown:* Comodoro Rivadavia  
*High School:* Prefectura Naval Argentina  
*College:* La Plata University  
*Major:* Psychology  
*Career Plans:* Psychologist

## Arizona

### Tom Boundy

*Hometown:* Phoenix  
*High School:* Shadow Mountain HS  
*College:* Pepperdine University  
*Major:* Physical Sciences/Chemistry  
*Career Plans:* Undecided

### Shivani Kapur

*Hometown:* Phoenix  
*High School:* Desert Vista HS  
*College:* University of California at Berkeley  
*Major:* Biochemistry/Economics  
*Career Plans:* Biomedical Research

## Arkansas

### Katie Defrance

*Hometown:* Camden  
*High School:* Camden Fairview HS  
*College:* Hendrix College  
*Major:* Physics/Chemistry  
*Career Plans:* Doctorate in Physics

### Lyssa Evans

*Hometown:* Little Rock  
*High School:* Little Rock Central HS  
*College:* Vanderbilt University  
*Major:* Pre-Med/Environmental Science/Music  
*Career Plans:* Doctor or Environmental Architect/

# Brazil

## Ludimila Araújo Costa

*Hometown:* Paraíba  
*High School:* Paraíba Federal Institute of Science, Education and Technology  
*College:* Paraíba Federal University  
*Major:* Medicine

## Gustavo Gomes

*Hometown:* Rio De Janeiro  
*High School:*  
*College:* Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
*Major:* Industrial Chemistry/Polymer Science  
*Career Plans:* Chemical Engineering

# California

## Joyce Lin

*Hometown:* Riverside  
*High School:* Arlington HS  
*College:* University of California-Berkeley  
*Major:* Biochemistry  
*Career Plans:* Dentist

## Vienna Saccomanno

*Hometown:* Ceder Ridge  
*High School:* Forest Charter HS  
*College:* University of Puget Sound  
*Major:* Biology  
*Career Plans:* Climate Affairs Research

# Canada

## James Frobb

*Hometown:* Hanna Alberta  
*High School:* J. C. Charyk Hanna School  
*College:* University of Alberta  
*Major:* Chemistry  
*Career Plans:* Pharmacist

## Amanda Lee

*Hometown:* Ottawa  
*High School:* John McCrae Secondary School  
*College:* McGill University  
*Major:* Biological/Biomedical/Life Sciences  
*Career Plans:* Research/Medicine

## Keith MacLeod

*Hometown:* Stellarton  
*High School:* Northumberland Regional HS  
*College:* Acadia University  
*Major:* Mathematics/Biochemistry  
*Career Plans:* Pharmacologist

# Chile

## Pablo Alonso Arriagada Romero

*Hometown:* Viña del Mar  
*High School:* Colegio Ruben Castro Diurno HS  
*College:* Universidad de Valparaíso  
*Major:* Medicine  
*Career Plans:* Doctor

## Javiera Castillo Navarro

*Hometown:* El salvador  
*High School:* Diego de Almeida HS  
*College:* Undecided  
*Major:* Undecided  
*Career Plans:* Civil Engineer

## Andrea Chánique Sallusti

*Hometown:* Santiago  
*High School:* Sagrados Corazones Alameda  
*College:* Undecided  
*Major:* Undecided  
*Career Plans:* Engineer in Biotechnology

## Pato Foncea Araneda

*Hometown:* Rancagua  
*High School:* Colegio Coya, Machalí  
*College:* Undecided  
*Major:* Undecided  
*Career Plans:* Engineer, Scientist or Economist

# Colombia

## Santiago Angel Nieto

*Hometown:* Armenia, Quindío  
*High School:* Colegio Franciscano San Luis Rey, Quindio-Colombia  
*College:* Undecided  
*Major:* Engineering or Administration

## Mateo Duque Villegas

*Hometown:* Medellín  
*High School:* Instituto San Carlos de la Salle  
*College:* Universidad Nacional de Columbia  
*Major:* Biological Engineering  
*Career Plans:* Scientific Research

## **Paula Franco Rodriguez**

*Hometown:* Bogotá, Cundinamarca  
*High School:* Richmond Bilingual School  
*College:*  
*Major:*  
*Career Plans:* Chemical Engineer

## **Erika Gutiérrez Gutiérrez Puerto**

*Hometown:* Bogotá  
*High School:* Instituto Colsubsidio de Educación Femenina ICEF  
*College:* Universidad Militar Nueva Granada, Bogotá  
Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá

# **Colorado**

## **Lina Mikolajczyk**

*Hometown:* Colorado Springs  
*High School:* Cheyenne Mountain HS  
*College:* University of Chicago  
*Major:* Biology/Genetics/Spanish  
*Career Plans:* Physician/Geneticist

## **Christian Pedroza**

*Hometown:* Aurora  
*High School:* Aurora Central HS  
*College:* University of Colorado at Denver  
*Major:* Pre-Med  
*Career Plans:* Doctor

# **Connecticut**

## **Hannah Bober**

*Hometown:* Durham  
*High School:* Coginchaug Regional HS  
*College:* Vassar College  
*Major:* Environmental Science/Engineering  
*Career Plans:* Ecotourism

## **Kaitlin LaFrance**

*Hometown:* Wallingford  
*High School:* Mark T. Sheehan HS  
*College:* Marist College  
*Major:* Biomedical Sciences  
*Career Plans:* Medical School

# **Delaware**

## **Karen Fang**

*Hometown:* Newark  
*High School:* The Charter School of Wilmington  
*College:* University of Southern California-Los Angeles  
*Major:* Biochemical Engineering/Neuroscience/Pre-

## **Natalie Stevenson**

*Hometown:* Newark  
*High School:* Charter School of Wilmington  
*College:* University of Delaware  
*Major:* Environmental Science  
*Career Plans:* Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

# **Florida**

## **Josh Giles**

*Hometown:* Tampa  
*High School:* Freedom HS  
*College:* Princeton University  
*Major:* Math, Physics, or Engineering  
*Career Plans:* Undecided

## **Shelly Jin**

*Hometown:* Lake Worth  
*High School:* Atlantic Community HS  
*College:* Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
*Major:* Economics or Mathematics  
*Career Plans:* Undecided

# **Germany**

## **Florian Gerlach**

*Hometown:* Herxheim  
*High School:* PAMINA-Schulzentrum Kooperative Gesamtschule Herxheim - Gymnasium  
*College:* Universitaet Karlsruhe (TH)  
*Major:* Computer Science

## **Marten Haupt**

*Hometown:* Flensburg  
*High School:* Auguste-Viktoria-Schule Flensburg  
*College:* University of Marburg or University of Heidelberg  
*Major:* Chemistry

# **Hawaii**

## **Cam Chau**

*Hometown:* Honolulu  
*High School:*  
*College:*  
*Major:*  
*Career Plans:*

## **Donna Poscablo**

*Hometown:* Waipahu  
*High School:* Waipahu HS  
*College:* University of Hawaii, Manoa  
*Major:* Pre-Med  
*Career Plans:* Doctor

## Idaho

### Linyi Gao

*Hometown:* Moscow  
*High School:* Moscow HS  
*College:* Stanford University  
*Major:* Biology, Chemistry, or Physics  
*Career Plans:* Scientist/Medical Researcher

### Kali Reider

*Hometown:* Boise  
*High School:* Meridian Medical Arts Charter HS  
*College:* Idaho State University  
*Major:* Nursing/Pre-med (Biochemistry)  
*Career Plans:* Nurse Practitioner/Doctor

## Indiana

### Kaitlin Dickman

*Hometown:* Elkhart  
*High School:* Jimtown HS  
*College:* Purdue University  
*Major:* Biology Teaching  
*Career Plans:* Teaching Junior HS Biology

### Amy Richmond

*Hometown:* Bloomington  
*High School:* Bloomington South HS  
*College:* DePauw University  
*Major:* Chemistry/Theatre Minor  
*Career Plans:* Medicine/Environmental Chemistry

## Iowa

### Adam Koch

*Hometown:* Cedar Rapids  
*High School:* John F. Kennedy HS  
*College:* University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
*Major:* Biology  
*Career Plans:* Research Scientist

### Kate Tjeerdsma

*Hometown:* Cherokee  
*High School:* Sioux Central HS  
*College:* Wartburg College  
*Major:* Pre-Medicine (Chemistry)  
*Career Plans:* Doctor

## Kansas

### Tiffany Hwang

*Hometown:* Wichita  
*High School:* Wichita East HS  
*College:* University of Pennsylvania  
*Major:* Biochemistry  
*Career Plans:* Doctor

### Caleb Schmitz

*Hometown:* Westmoreland  
*High School:* Rock Creek HS  
*College:* Tabor College  
*Major:* Pre-Engineering  
*Career Plans:* Civil Engineer

## Kentucky

### Ilya Vinogradov

*Hometown:* Lexington  
*High School:* Paul Laurence Dunbar HS  
*College:* University of Kentucky  
*Major:* Undecided  
*Career Plans:* Pharmacy

## Louisiana

### Aaron Reyes

*Hometown:* Ball  
*High School:* Tioga Senior HS  
*College:* Brown University  
*Major:* Neuroscience/Psychology  
*Career Plans:* Medicine

### Tony Tzeng

*Hometown:* Lafayette  
*High School:* Lafayette HS  
*College:*  
*Major:*  
*Career Plans:*

## Maine

### Jenny Leach

*Hometown:* Bangor  
*High School:* Bangor HS  
*College:* University of Maine  
*Major:* Chemical Engineering  
*Career Plans:* Neonatology

### Sylvia Talbott

*Hometown:* Naples  
*High School:* Lake Region HS  
*College:* Northeastern University  
*Major:* Biology  
*Career Plans:* Research or Education

# Maryland

## Re-I Chin

*Hometown:* Rockville  
*High School:* Walter Johnson HS  
*College:* Washington University in St. Louis  
*Major:* Chemistry/Biochemistry  
*Career Plans:* Professor

## Teresa Yeh

*Hometown:* Ellicott City  
*High School:* Centennial HS  
*College:* Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
*Major:* Cognitive Sciences/Biology  
*Career Plans:* Medicine and Research

# Massachusetts

## Ruby Lee

*Hometown:* Shrewsbury  
*High School:* Shrewsbury HS  
*College:* University of Pennsylvania - Jerome Fisher  
Program in Management and Engineering  
*Major:* Business/Engineering

## Sam Wong

*Hometown:* Quincy  
*High School:* North Quincy HS  
*College:* Cornell University  
*Major:* Biochemistry  
*Career Plans:* Physician

# Mexico

## Hector Caballero Castañeda

*Hometown:* State of Mexico  
*High School:* Escuela Nacional Preparatoria, Pedro de Alba 9  
*College:* Universidad Nacional Autonoma de México,  
Mexico City

## Raúl Castro Ramirez

*Hometown:* San Luis Potosí  
*High School:* Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey.  
*College:* Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey.

## Jéssica Gomez Hernandez

*Hometown:* Zapopan, Jalisco  
*High School:* Colinas de San Javier HS  
*College:* Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara  
*Major:* Mechanical and Electronics Engineering  
*Career Plans:* Researcher / Engineering Research

## Melissa Elizabeth Gonzalez Soto

*Hometown:* Mexico  
*High School:*  
*College:*  
*Major:*  
*Career Plans:*

## Maira Jimenez Sanchez

*Hometown:*  
*High School:* Miguel Othon de Mendizabal, IPN, HS  
*College:* Tecnologico de Monterrey, Estado de Mexico or Instituto Politecnico Nacional  
*Major:* Undecided

## Karla Elizabeth Torre Coldivar

*Hometown:* Guadalajara  
*High School:*  
*College:*  
*Major:*  
*Career Plans:*

# Michigan

## Emily Buttigieg

*Hometown:* Woodhaven  
*High School:* Woodhaven HS  
*College:* University of Michigan-Ann Arbor  
*Major:* Biology  
*Career Plans:* Doctor

## Alex Lott

*Hometown:* East Lansing  
*High School:* Haslett HS  
*College:* Michigan State University  
*Major:* Civil Engineering  
*Career Plans:* Civil Engineer

# Minnesota

## Libby Atwater

*Hometown:* Minneapolis  
*High School:* South HS  
*College:* Colorado State University  
*Major:* Undecided  
*Career Plans:* Undecided

# Mississippi

*Hometown:*  
*High School:*  
*College:*  
*Major:*  
*Career Plans:*

## Alex Wang

*Hometown:* Clinton  
*High School:*  
*College:* Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
*Major:* Mathematics/Physics  
*Career Plans:* Research Scientist

# Missouri

## Hayley Scheerer

*Hometown:* Kansas City  
*High School:* Raytown HS  
*College:* Truman State University  
*Major:* Chemistry  
*Career Plans:* Doctor

## Mack Su

*Hometown:* Clayton  
*High School:* Clayton HS  
*College:* Yale University  
*Major:* Undecided (Molecular Biophysics/Chemistry)

# Montana

## Justin Nagy

*Hometown:* Sunburst  
*High School:* North Toole County HS  
*College:* Montana State University, Bozeman  
*Major:* Microbiology  
*Career Plans:* Laboratory Technician/Research

# Nebraska

## Lam Hoang

*Hometown:* Lincoln  
*High School:* Lincoln North Star HS  
*College:* Trinity College (CT)  
*Major:* Undecided

## Marissa Niemoller

*Hometown:* Papillion  
*High School:* Papillion-LaVista HS  
*College:* University of Nebraska  
*Major:* Undecided  
*Career Plans:* Cross Country/Track Coach

# Nevada

## Franky Mancini

*Hometown:* Las Vegas  
*High School:* Centennial HS  
*College:* University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
*Major:* Undecided  
*Career Plans:* Doctor

## Kylie Stevens

*Hometown:* Sun Valley  
*High School:* Spanish Springs HS  
*College:* Mills College  
*Major:* Anthropology/Archeology  
*Career Plans:* Anthropologist

# New Jersey

## Mike Lee

*Hometown:* Carteret  
*High School:* St. Joseph HS  
*College:* Princeton University  
*Major:* Molecular Biology  
*Career Plans:* Biomedical Research

## Kamal Saleh

*Hometown:* Hamilton  
*High School:* Hamilton HS  
*College:* Rutgers University  
*Major:* Pre-med  
*Career Plans:* Doctor

# New Mexico

## Tony Huang

*Hometown:* Albuquerque  
*High School:* La Cueva HS  
*College:* Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
*Major:* Electrical Engineering  
*Career Plans:* Undecided

## Jacque Stringfield

*Hometown:* Rio Rancho  
*High School:* Rio Rancho HS  
*College:* University of New Mexico  
*Major:* Pre-Med  
*Career Plans:* Doctor in United States Air Force

# New York

## Teresa Konopka

*Hometown:* Staten Island  
*High School:* CSI HS for International Studies  
*College:* Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
*Major:* Aerospace Engineering  
*Career Plans:* Graduate School

## Tricia Kutwaru

*Hometown:* Queens  
*High School:* Hillcrest HS  
*College:* City College of New York  
*Major:* Physics/Biology/Pre-Med  
*Career Plans:* Doctor

# North Carolina

## Ben Bucior

*Hometown:* Greensboro  
*High School:* Northwest Guilford HS  
*College:* University of Pittsburgh  
*Major:* Chemical/Bioengineering and Spanish  
*Career Plans:* Engineering Research

## Arthur Kim

*Hometown:* Chapel Hill  
*High School:* East Chapel Hill HS  
*College:* Duke University  
*Major:* Economics/Pre Med  
*Career Plans:* Doctor

# North Dakota

## Paige Scherer

*Hometown:* Beulah  
*High School:* Beulah HS  
*College:* University of North Dakota  
*Major:* Clinical Laboratory Science  
*Career Plans:* Undecided

## Tyler Swenson

*Hometown:* Dickinson  
*High School:* Dickinson HS  
*College:* University of Minnesota-Twin Cities  
*Major:* Chemistry/Physics/Mathematics  
*Career Plans:* Research Chemistry

# Ohio

## Maya Madhavan

*Hometown:* Broadview Heights  
*High School:* Brecksville-Broadview Heights HS  
*College:* Cornell University  
*Major:* Biomedical Engineering/Computer Science  
*Career Plans:* Engineering

## Matt Willis

*Hometown:* Buford  
*High School:* Lynchburg-Clay HS  
*College:* Wright State University  
*Major:* Biomedical Engineering  
*Career Plans:* Ph.D.

# Oklahoma

## Varuna Rao

*Hometown:* Tulsa  
*High School:* Union HS  
*College:* Boston University  
*Major:* Biomedical Engineering  
*Career Plans:* Medicine

## Nicholas West

*Hometown:* Oklahoma City  
*High School:* Southmoore HS  
*College:* Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
*Major:* Biology  
*Career Plans:* Engineering

# Oregon

## Michael Loy

*Hometown:* Portland  
*High School:* Oregon Episcopal School  
*College:* Harvey Mudd College  
*Major:* Engineering (Mechanical/Chemical)  
*Career Plans:* Research/Business

## Ilana Walder-Biesanz

*Hometown:* Portland  
*High School:* Riverdale HS  
*College:* Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering  
*Major:* Mechanical Engineering  
*Career Plans:* Engineering Spokesperson/Professor

# Panama

## Arturo Arosemena Pitty

*Hometown:* Panama  
*High School:* America Institute HS  
*College:* University of Panama  
Santa Maria La Antigua University  
Panama City

## Edwin Davidson Barahona

*Hometown:* Panamá  
*High School:* Colegio Cristiano El Buen Pastor  
*College:* Universidad de Panamá  
*Major:* Chemistry  
*Career Plans:* Chemical Engineering

# Pennsylvania

## Samuel Esarey

*Hometown:* Blairsville  
*High School:*  
*College:*  
*Major:*  
*Career Plans:*

# Peru

## Maria Baldeon Eizaguirre

*Hometown:* Huancayo  
*High School:* Colegio Particular "Andino"  
*College:* Cayetano Heredia  
*Major:* Medicine  
*Career Plans:* To have my own hospital

## Juan Diego Oviedo Rodriguez

*Hometown:* Arequipa  
*High School:* Anglo American Prescott School  
*College:* Anglo American Prescott School  
*Major:* Medicine  
*Career Plans:* Doctor

## Alvaro Morales Sanguineti

*Hometown:* Lima  
*High School:* Markham College  
*College:* Undecided  
*Major:*  
*Career Plans:*

## Marcelo Sanchez Zevallos

*Hometown:* Chiclayo  
*High School:* I.E. FAP "Renan Elias Olivera"  
*College:* Pedro Ruiz Gallo University  
*Major:* Medical School  
*Career Plans:* Plastic Surgeon

# South Carolina

## Catherine Hodierne

*Hometown:* Summerville  
*High School:* Summerville HS  
*College:* University of South Carolina  
*Major:* Marine Biology or Anthropology  
*Career Plans:* Lawyer or Teacher

# South Dakota

## Nikki DeJong

*Hometown:* Avon  
*High School:* Avon HS  
*College:* Black Hills State University  
*Major:* Science Education  
*Career Plans:* Secondary Science Teacher

## Josh Peterson

*Hometown:* Brookings  
*High School:* Brookings HS  
*College:* Gustavus Adolphus College  
*Major:* Physics/Political Science  
*Career Plans:*

# Texas

## Lauren Gilbert

*Hometown:* Southlake  
*High School:* Carroll Senior HS  
*College:* Undecided  
*Major:* Physics  
*Career Plans:* High energy physics research

## Lina Velandia

*Hometown:* San Antonio  
*High School:* Douglas MacArthur HS  
*College:* University of Texas at Austin - McCombs School of Business  
*Major:* Engineering/Business

# Trinidad, WI

## Joe Crooks

*Hometown:* Edinburgh 500 Chaguanas  
*High School:* Queen's Royal College  
*College:* University of the West Indies  
*Major:* Medicine  
*Career Plans:* Neurology/Nephrology

# Vermont

## Franklin Caval-Holme

*Hometown:* Cuttingsville  
*High School:* Mill River Union HS  
*College:* Stanford University, California  
*Major:* Biology  
*Career Plans:* Researcher

## Zheyi Peng

*Hometown:* South Burlington  
*High School:*  
*College:*  
*Major:*  
*Career Plans:*

# Virginia

## Chelsea Auernheimer

*Hometown:* Richmond  
*High School:* Richmond Community HS  
*College:* Undecided  
*Major:*  
*Career Plans:*

## Daniel Hostetler

*Hometown:* Lynchburg  
*High School:* E.C. Glass HS  
*College:* University of Virginia  
*Major:* Biochemical Engineering  
*Career Plans:* Medicine

# Washington

## Ashiyah Cays-Vesterby

*Hometown:* Sequim  
*High School:* Sequim HS  
*College:* Evergreen State College  
*Major:* Environmental Science/Creative Writing  
*Career Plans:* Field Researcher and Writer

## Patrick Sodt

*Hometown:* Bellingham  
*High School:* Sehome HS  
*College:* University of Washington  
*Major:* Mechanical Engineering  
*Career Plans:* Automotive Engineering

# West Virginia

## Emily Boggs

*Hometown:* Charleston  
*High School:* George Washington HS  
*College:* Harvard University  
*Major:* Biomedical Engineering/Cellular Biology  
*Career Plans:* Medical Research

## Mae Scott

*Hometown:* Lewisburg  
*High School:* Greenbrier East HS  
*College:* Tulane University  
*Major:* Mathematics/Physics  
*Career Plans:* Academia

# Wisconsin

## Emily Chen

*Hometown:* Appleton  
*High School:* Appleton East HS  
*College:* University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
*Major:* Biomedical Engineering  
*Career Plans:* Biomedical Engineer

## Suvai Gunasekaran

*Hometown:* Madison  
*High School:* James Madison Memorial HS  
*College:* Harvard College  
*Major:* Bioengineering/Chemistry  
*Career Plans:* Research

# Wyoming

## Parul Agarwal

*Hometown:* Laramie  
*High School:* Laramie HS  
*College:* Harvard University  
*Major:* Undecided  
*Career Plans:* Undecided

## Kelsie Anson

*Hometown:* Basin  
*High School:* Riverside HS  
*College:* Colgate University  
*Major:* Biology  
*Career Plans:* Doctor