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We are thrilled to introduce our first teams from our nationwide U.S. program that are coming to New Hampshire this summer! These amazing young leaders come from across the country, and a variety of backgrounds, but all share the desire and the motivation to start building a better world right now. This was a highly competitive program, and the participants come from the following **12 states**: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Tennessee.

Now in our 35th year, FFI continues to strive to meet the challenges of the day and be at the forefront of the latest in youth leadership development. We are constantly designing and implementing new strategies to achieve optimal results for the most underutilized natural resource in the world today...young people. This is why in 2021, we decided that each individual youth accepted into our program would have **100%** of their expenses ($3,000) covered.

When asked, "*How can we afford to do this?*" our reply after meeting these amazing youth was, "*How can we afford not to?*" With that in mind, we took this calculated risk because we know that those of you reading this message believe in our work. We know you believe in the optimistic power and energy of youth to effect social change. We know you trust an organization with decades of experience. And we know you will step up to the plate, both today and in the future as we continue to grow and expand to serve youth from all 50 states across the U.S. in the years to come. Because FFI does not receive grants from any state, national, or global foundations, the majority of our funding comes from individuals and families. From people like you. If you are interested in learning about how you can help us in a number of ways, please visit www.ff.international/donate

If you are interested in helping us grow FFI's Endowment so that we can continue to provide tuition-free programs for hundreds and thousands of youth in the decades to come, then please email me directly (steve@ff.international). However, whether or not you can support us now is nowhere near as important as your understanding that there is a powerful motivation amongst youth from all over the United States to make a positive impact in the world. With FFI, and support from you, these youth will continue to come together and focus on our shared challenges, build their resilience and grit, increase their empathy and communication skills, and **heal our communities and the planet.**

With gratitude -Steve Martineau

TURN THE PAGE TO SEE OUR AMAZING 2021 TEAMS!

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AERIAL SHOT OF THE FFI CAMPUS IN DURHAM, NH.



ANDREW, 11TH GRADE, IDAHO.



DESHAWNEIGH, 11TH GRADE, SOUTH DAKOTA.



ELLA, 11TH GRADE, NO



MILANI, 11TH GRADE, COLORADO.



ANNABELLE, 11TH GRADE, ARIZONA.



AMY, 12TH GRADE, LOUISIANA.



SETH, 11TH GRADE, TENNESSEE.

"IT IS OUR CHOICES, HARRY, THAT SHOW WHAT WE TRULY ARE, FAR MORE THAN OUR ABILITIES." - ALBUS DUMBLEDORE

"THERE ARE TWO TYPES O PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD, T WHO TAKE ADVANTAGE O OPPORTUNITY AND THOS WHO FORGE ITTHEMSELVE

"I AM THANKFUL FOR THE N THAT TURNED INTO MORNI FRIENDS THAT TURNED INTO AND DREAMS THAT TURNED REALITY" - UNKNOWN

"DIFFICULT ROADS LEAD TO BEAUTIFUL DESTINATIONS" - ZIG ZIGLAR

"IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT" - WALT DISNEY

"FREEING YOURSELF WAS ONE THING, CLAIMING OF THAT FREED SELF WAS ANOTHER." - TONI

INTERESTED IN MEETING THE TEAM, SPONSORING AN ACTIVITY, OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT THESE AMAZING YOUTH?

VISIT WWW.FF.INTERNATIONAL/NATIONWIDETEAM

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ELIJAH, 12TH GRADE. ILLINOIS.
ADDI, 12TH GRADE. ILLINOIS.
REMI, 12TH GRADE. NEW HAMPSHIRE.
"AND NOW THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PERFECT, YOU CAN BE GOOD." - JOHN STEINBECK
"LIVE AS IF YOU WERE TO DIE TOMORROW. LEARN AS IF YOU WERE TO LIVE FOREVER. - MAHATMA GANDHI
"IF YOU DON'T TAKE RISKS, YOU CAN'T CREATE A FUTURE" - MONKEY D. LUFFY
"THE BEST THING TO HOLD ONTO IN LIFE IS EACH OTHER." - AUDREY HEPBURN
"I'VE LEARNED THAT PEOPLE WILL FORGET WHAT YOU SAID, PEOPLE WILL FORGET WHAT YOU DID, BUT PEOPLE WILL NEVER FORGET HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL. - MAYA ANGELOU
"HEY YO, I'M JUST LIKE MY COUNTRY, I'M YOUNG, SCRAPPY AND HUNGRY AND I'M NOT THROWIN' AWAY MY SHOT." - LIN MANUEL MURANDA
"ONE DAY YOUR LIFE WILL FLASH BEFORE YOUR EYES. MAKE SURE IT'S WORTH WATCHING" - GERARD WAY
GEYBRELL, 11TH GRADE. MASSACHUSETTS.
KHADIJAH, 12TH GRADE. PENNSYLVANIA.
JULIETTE, 12TH GRADE. SOUTH CAROLINA.
ALEX, 12TH GRADE. SOUTH CAROLINA.
GEORGIA, 11TH GRADE. SOUTH CAROLINA.
MATCHES BEFORE FIRE COULD CATCH
K NOW, I'M SHINING LIKE FIREWORKS
MPTY TOWN." - TAYLOR SWIFT
"YOU MUST NEVER GIVE INTO DESPAIR. ALLOW YOURSELF TO SLIP DOWN THAT ROAD AND YOU SURRENDER TO YOUR LOWEST INSTINCTS. IN THE DARKEST TIMES, HOPE IS SOMETHING YOU GIVE YOURSELF. THAT IS THE MEANING OF INNER STRENGTH." - UNCLE IROH

TEAM PHOENIX!
SEVEN FFI ALUMNI ARE HERE AS FELLOWS THIS SUMMER!

Over the last several months, we have seen that now more than ever, FFI and our Alumni need to come together. There is a lot that needs to be done. A lot of listening together. A lot of planning for the future together. A lot of meditating together. A lot of playing music together. A lot of having compassionate conversations together. A lot of going out on a boat together. A lot of hikes together. A lot of coaching our new U.S. teams that will be here together. A lot of training in social justice together. A lot of healing together. A lot of together.

This is why seven of our Global Alumni are joining us at FFI HQ this summer to help lead first-year programs, meet with community members, develop our curriculum, volunteer in the community, and most importantly, come together as a team and family.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE AN ALUMNI FELLOW FOR THE SKILL BUILDING PHASE?



"I want to have the same impact our amazing alumni have had on me, on other participants. I want to see them growing, becoming more confident, discovering new things about themselves, and challenging themselves every single day. I also believe this experience will help me get to know myself better and improve!"



"I told myself that I have to work hard on my English so one day I'll come back. Seeing other alumni like Yuval, Una, Clayton, Aya, and especially the amazing staff work super hard and making it look easy to lead these workshops and to make the participants stay on the calendar and a lot more just impressed me. That's why I want to be able to learn and to be part of this amazing team."



"In FFI I see a future. I see the one way right now that I can change things. I see an opportunity to dedicate my time to talk and act according to my values as well as share them with others. Those two weeks of Skill Building Phase changed my life and I think that I can contribute to the participants who are starting that journey, now that I am more appreciative of the unique meeting that occurs in this phase, and my wish to make this as meaningful as possible."



"I am a strong believer in youth and their endless ability to achieve whatever they can think or dream of, to themselves, others. FFI is a magical opportunity for me to see my belief coming true through inspiring youth, supporting staff and community members. Assisting with the process of learning how to make an impact opens my heart with thankfulness to the world."



"The Skill Building Phase awakened me about life in a very positive way. The activities we had together affected me and my point of view to the reality I'm living in my homeland. I want to be part of the Skill Building Phase so I can show the teams how great FFI is. And how it can affect their life as it did to me."



"...Because I have experienced first hand the impact that this part of the process can have on people. Personally, I feel like it had a significant impact on me. I don't feel like I would be the same person I am today if I didn't go through the experiences I had during my own Skill Building Phase. I want to be an Alumni Fellow because I would love to create this same experience for others. It would be my honor to create the same moving experience in others that this program did to me."



"I want to help FFI participants improve their leadership, and help them see their brave side. Teaching through personality and public speaking workshops, I believe these tips will help participants be better leaders. I feel there is this part of me that the world needs to understand."

Interested in supporting an FFI alumnus who has demonstrated a commitment to FFI and their community? We have several named fellowships that provide scholarships for our alumni to continue to grow their impact and create change. If you are interested in supporting or creating a scholarship for alumni, please contact Steve (steve@ff.international).

We are updating our mailing list to maximize our impact. If we have not heard from you in several years (you should have received a personal note from us in the last few months), this will likely be your last newsletter from FFI. If you would like to continue to receive our exciting updates, you can send the envelope included with your updated contact information (no gift required) or email us at office@ff.international.