



## Planting seeds... MEETING REAL NEEDS

“My husband was laid off in his industry and out of work for the last 2 years. Our savings was completely depleted... Thankfully, he now has a job, but at 1/3 his previous income. We have both been working to rebuild, but this will take some time. Our son is increasingly showing interest in literature, economics and government and is thinking of going into law... **SSI is the type of unique opportunity we cannot provide for him at home.**”

- Sarah, LEAD Parent

“SSI has proven that no one is ever turned away from the generous offer of your gifts and that is a great blessing. The unforeseen circumstance of my mom being laid off has made it difficult financially as a family and I wasn’t going to attend... I am honored and so very appreciative that you have allowed me once again to attend SSI. My experience here at SSI has helped me grow with integrity, dedication, and commitment. The program has allowed me to gain great friendships and biblical values from the awesome speakers, mentors, and volunteers. **Without you, it would not have been possible for me to attend.** I graciously thank you and send thunderous hand claps of praise to each of you for your generosity and your great hearts filled with continuous giving and support of SSI.”

- Lilianna, LEAD Alum

## Launching leaders... EMPOWERED TO CHANGE THEIR WORLD

**SSI has strengthened me in my spiritual walk with God...** it is a blessing to be able to find a place where I, as a young person can find other young people, with likeminded interests. - Nathan

Each year I’ve gone has been a blessing. I’ve made new friends, learned more about political principles and learned very valuable lessons about myself and my biblical purpose. **I’ve become even more equipped for my journey as a young woman of God.** - Rosa

As I go into my senior year of high school, I have many doubts and uncertainties around my future. Coming to Student Statesmanship Institute has **reminded me of the destiny that God has already prepared for me.** - Sarah

I’ve learned to be a leader. But most importantly to be a better follower of God, and **an ambassador for Christ.** - Lizbeth