



# STUDENT STATESMANSHIP INSTITUTE

## 2021 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### 2021 Highlights:

- 3 Weeks of LEAD Camp
- 6 School Onsites
- 271 Summer Students
- 305 Onsite Students
- 18 Amb. League Students



### A Message from Our New President: Joseph Cecil

Dear Friends,

What a joy it is to reflect back on the past year. God has truly blessed our ministry at SSI.

It is a privilege to write this update as the new President of SSI. I'm grateful for the confidence that the board and former President James Muffett have shown by asking me to take on this new role. I look forward to working alongside James, the board, our dedicated staff, and our network of friends and supporters to continue in our mission to equip, empower, and engage the next generation!

As we enter this new season, I'm excited to share with you the many things God has done through our ministry in 2021. We have seen incredible growth and results that can only come from above. In April we were able to return to in-person ministry and since then we have had many requests to participate in conferences and speaking engagements.

God is doing great things through this ministry, and I look forward to what lies ahead.

For the next generation!

*Joseph Cecil*

**Joseph Cecil**  
SSI President



### To Our Generous Friends and Supporters

Thank you to the many individuals, businesses, churches, and foundations who support us financially! We simply could not do this without you and please know that your faithful and sacrificial support is a source of great encouragement to us. What a joy it is to know that together, we are truly making a difference in the hearts and lives of young people.

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# 2021 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## LEAD Summer Program

It was a great joy to hold three weeks of our LEAD Summer Program, in-person, at Spring Arbor University. Our students and volunteers were thrilled to be together again.

*"I can totally see why so many people love this camp. LEAD is amazing!" Maya S.*

God radically blessed the LEAD Summer Program. We directly impacted 271 students, an increase over our 2019 registration numbers. This won't have been possible without help from nearly 200 volunteers.

*"I now know that I am a leader from the beginning. The real question is what kind of leader will I be." Chalyn S.*

During a week of camp, these young people built key life skills such as teamwork, critical thinking, and communication through our unique leadership simulations. Students then leave equipped to go out as courageous leaders in their communities.

## Onsite Program

We are grateful to have held Onsite Programs in 6 partner schools across the state in 2021! It is exciting to be back on the road as we take our ministry directly to students.

*"The SSI Onsite is a great experience for any high school student, whether pursuing politics in the future or not. SSI teaches you... skills that can be applied to any area of your life." Shelby J.*



## Ambassador League

The 2021 Ambassador League graduates persevered through truly unprecedented times to complete their assignments and finish the program. It is a joy to see these young leaders complete this intensive discipleship course. The program has proven to have a lifelong impact on those who undertake it.

*"Ambassador League pushed me beyond my own limitations and restraints..." Madison R.*

## LEAD U.S. - National Partnerships

The LEAD Program continues to spread across the country as we build partnerships with new states. Our current partner states of Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin have worked diligently to build and expand their respective programs.

This year our partners in Wisconsin launched their first week of LEAD with 80 students participating. We look forward to seeing their future growth!



## Banquet

It was a privilege to hear from Craig DeRoche, President and CEO of Family Policy Alliance and former Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives at our Annual Banquet and Student Award Ceremony. It was a night of inspiration and fellowship with almost 350 friends of the ministry joining us for the event.