

National Youth Board



USPC National Youth Board Newsletter 2026 USPC Convention Recap

NYB Mission Statement

The mission of the National Youth Board is to serve as a strong, supportive bridge between the youth members of the United States Pony Clubs and the Board of Governors. We strive to clearly communicate the ideas, needs, and concerns of our fellow members while helping youth feel heard, valued, and represented at every level of the organization.

As youth leaders, we don't just represent, we take action. The NYB works together to create meaningful proposals, support important initiatives, and lead projects alongside the National Office that strengthens the Pony Club community. Our goal is to encourage consistent involvement from every delegate and inspire greater participation, connection, and enthusiasm across all USPC members.



Annual Fund

As of February 2026, the NYB has achieved 97% giving to the Annual Fund with a goal of 100% by February 28. NYB Board Liaison Yvette R. Seger, PhD, will match any donations made by the National Youth Board during this time span.

National Youth Summit

The National Youth Summit was held during the USPC National Convention and brought together youth members ages 11 to 18 from all regions. Throughout the summit, members focused on building practical leadership skills and gaining confidence in their voices. The presentations supplied by the National Youth Board included: Ariana Dickey sharing about international involvement within Pony Club, Isabelle Dow leading professional development discussions, and Mason Konesky guiding members through

applications and interviews. Overall, the summit emphasized communication, leadership growth, and exploring how involvement in Pony Club can create opportunities, both within the organization and for the future beyond it.



NYB Service Project

At the USPC National Convention, the National Youth Board Service Project focused on giving back to the community by creating handmade cards for patients at Northwestern Lurie Children's Hospital.

Members of the Youth Summit and the National Youth Board came together to design cards using colorful paper, drawings, and encouraging messages. It was a simple, but meaningful, way to spread positivity and brighten the day of children and families in the hospital, while working together as a team to make a difference.

Passion Projects

Regional Youth Board

The National Youth Board will be continuing to support the Regional Youth Boards, with Isabelle Dow as chair. Now in its second year, this project focuses on strengthening communication, providing guidance, and helping Regional Youth Boards grow with confidence and consistency. Our goal is to further develop these programs so youth leaders feel supported, empowered, and connected at every level.



Pin Promise

The National Youth Board's second project is Pin Promise, which will be chaired by Meghan Hill as the project enters its third year. Kate Gerth will be helping advise this project and pass it on to the newer members. This year, we plan to continue building on its momentum by expanding participation, increasing visibility, and deepening its impact across the membership. We're excited to keep growing the Pin Promise Passion Project and making it a meaningful and lasting part of the youth experience.

NYB Members

Finally, we would like to acknowledge all our new 2026 delegates and their positions. See the photo below to see the current board.



Marissa Redmond – Advisor - 3rd year
Ariana Dickey — Chair - 2nd year
Ruby Lewis — Vice Chair - 1st year
Isabelle Dow – Treasurer - 3rd year
Lindsey Groves – Secretary - 2nd year
Kate Gerth – Social Media Coordinator - 3rd year
Riley Rebholz - 2nd year
Sydney Langlely - 2nd year
Meghan Hill - 2nd year
Mason Konesky - 2nd year
Anne Laurel Dempsey - 1st year
Jolene Grover - 1st year
Isabella Mensik (not present) - 1st year
Chloe Platt (not present) - 1st year
Kyra Steinrock - 1st year
Melissa Tilden - 1st year

Once again, please share this information with your clubs and members. We are always eager for applications and potential delegates. Applications for 2027 will open in the fall of 2026.