

## STORIES OF IMPACT

Building Wisdom and  
Wealth

I recently ran into a former YIS student, Spencer Driggs, from Oak Park, California. It has been six years since he graduated from high school. He told me he recently accepted a full-time job at Honeywell as a Supply-Chain Manager. It was exciting to hear about his career trajectory!

He then told me something that stuck with me. He said "Mr. Fletcher, you know YIS changed my life!" He said "There were so many positive things that YIS did for me. First, it gave me community. Second, it taught me awesome things. And third, I invested in NVIDIA back in my YIS days in 2019 and 2020, and that



YIS Alumni Spencer Driggs

little investment has now paid off ten-fold and helped pay for college!"

I thought that was an amazing encapsulation of what YIS aims to do. Giving kids knowledge and confidence to prepare them for college and careers, while also teaching them stock market skills to start generating wealth today. Both Wisdom and Wealth!

## Stock Pitch Competition

The 2026 Global Stock Pitch Competition is officially our biggest yet!

This year, we're excited to see the results:

- **927 students** participated globally
- **482 stock pitch teams**
- Representation from **32 U.S. states and 24 countries**
- **93 Access students** across 55 Access teams, continuing to expand opportunities for students of all backgrounds

What makes this competition so special isn't just the numbers. It's the ideas, the teamwork, and the confidence students are building

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

- YIS Fireside Chats and Ask the Expert Series are Ongoing
- Global Youth Investment Summit (May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in NYC) at Cornell Tech Campus.
- The NYC Gala is planned to be held the evening of May 28<sup>th</sup> 2026 at the University Club.

along the way. From first-time investors to experienced competitors. We're excited to showcase the top 100 teams in the 2026 YIS Global Youth Investment Summit.

Congratulations to the Top 100 Teams in the 2026 YIS Global Stock Pitch Competition!

You can see the complete list of the Top 100 teams at:

<https://yis.org/2026-yis-global-stock-pitch-competition-top-100-teams/>

### School Growth

This quarter, we added 344 new schools, and 1,328 new registered students to reach **3,715 schools**. With our new IT database, we are able to better track active students, and we have **5,572 Active Students** this school year. There were 1,597 lessons completed this quarter, slightly down from last quarter's all-time-high of 2,104 lessons completed. As far as the Access Initiative, we've reached 364

schools and 2,852 students, with 93 new Access students added this quarter. It was also great to see 55 Access teams submitting Stock Pitch entries, of which 16 made the Top 100!

We were also pleased to see 291 students participated in the Dollar-a-Day Challenge, and 99 scholarship matches were granted this quarter.

### Fireside Chats & Ask the Expert Series

We are excited to continue with the popular Fireside Chat series. This quarter we had a great one with **Jerilyn Castillo-McAniff**, Managing Director and Head of Diversity & Inclusion at Oaktree Capital Management and **Bobby Edemeka**, Portfolio Manager at Jennison Associates. We also held a WeBull Meet & Greet with the WeBull team.

We also launched a new "Ask the Expert" series, where professionals teach a certain subject to YIS students online. We

were grateful to **Sally Du**, Portfolio Manager at Blackrock, **Dylan Y.** former Portfolio Manager at Capital Group, **Thomas Flannery**, President at Flannery Consulting, and **Claudio Brocado**, Former Portfolio Manager at Batterymarch, who graciously volunteered their time and expertise.

### YIS Knowledge Bowl

Another positive highlight this quarter was the Finance Knowledge Bowl Competition, held on January 29th. We had 382 students participate in the competition, and the top 20 were selected to compete in the Live Zoom Finals Round. It was a great success and continues to be a fantastic mid-year experience for YIS kids!

### Looking forward to NYC in May

The GYIS this year is shaping up to be the biggest and best ever, with over 300 students expected to be participating, along with an amazing group of judges, speakers and volunteers. We are excited to offer workshops sponsored and taught by Goldman Sachs, Oaktree, Bloomberg, and WeBull among others. We will have an opening social at Bloomberg, JP Morgan and this year a great of students will be able to visit the New York Stock Exchange!



YIS Club Jericho High School, NY

The Annual Gala, is shaping up impactful as well on May 28, with keynote speaker **Bob Doll**, Chief Investment Officer at Crossmark Global and honorees **Conrad Saldanha**, Portfolio Manager at Neuberger Berman and **Vivian Lin**, Portfolio Manager at William Blair.

### New Hire Joyce Williams

We are pleased to welcome **Joyce Williams** to the YIS team, as she will take over for Maria Miles as the Director of Events at YIS. She brings a tremendous amount of experience working with non-profits and organizing events, previous she was VP of Operations at Goodwill Industries in NYC, and has been Vice President of Community Investments at Players Alliance and the Brooklyn Community



Valencia High School YIS, CA

Board 9.

We would also like to sincerely thank **Maria Miles**, for her extraordinary service and vision she has brought to YIS over the past three years. She has brought the GYIS competition to a truly new level, and brought so many good programs and ideas to the organization. We will miss her!

### Conclusion

YIS continues to grow onwards and upwards! It's a thrill to see the continued growth at YIS, and we look forward to our biggest event ever in May!

I hope in midst of all of the planning, and organizing, and volunteering that we can all step back and remember the impact we are having. On kids like Spencer Driggs, that say that YIS changed their life because it helped them build both Wisdom and Wealth.

See you in NYC in May!

James

### YOUNG INVESTOR SNAPSHOT

**Temí O.** Allen High School, Texas

We are incredibly grateful to Temí for her outstanding contribution to the Young Investors Society Access Initiative.

Temí developed thoughtful, high-quality educational materials designed to support younger students, and we are pleased to share that her presentations are now featured on our Access Initiative page. Her work plays an important role in expanding access to financial education and empowering students from all backgrounds to build confidence in investing.



**OUR VISION: INVESTORS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!**

**WE BELIEVE THAT WHEN YOUTH ARE EMPOWERED BY FINANCIAL LITERACY, THEY CAN BECOME OUTSTANDING INVESTORS IN COMPANIES, SOCIETIES AND THEMSELVES, THUS ACHIEVING FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE AND BREAKING THE CYCLE OF GENERATIONAL POVERTY.**