



THE LONG VIEW

October 2026 Newsletter

YOUNG INVESTORS SOCIETY

Celebrating Milestones

In our eleventh year, Young Investors Society has crossed many milestones. Our 4,000th school registered a student in our network during August, soon to be followed by our 20,000th student registration recorded in September. While the numbers are worth celebration, it is the individual stories of each student and the impact that YIS has on their paths that really matters.

One of my summer projects was working to formalize the alumni club – we are almost there! For someone that has only been actively involved with the organization for about one year, it was amazing to hear time and time again stories about how YIS was transformational in students' lives, introducing them to finance and putting them into a path that may not have been the path they thought they would be following. More to come about the alumni club in the very near future – stay tuned.

GYIS Review

It has been a few months, but I think it is worth reporting on the 2026 Global Youth Investment Summit. 325 students from 24 US states and 9 countries came together to participate in the finals of the global stock pitch competition, listen to amazing speakers, participate in workshops and network with finance professionals.

We have so many people to thank! First, a heartfelt thank-you to the teachers, parents, and chaperones who made it possible to bring 325 teenagers to New York City. The summit also would not have been possible without our more than 120 volunteers, who devoted countless hours before and during the event – thank you! Finally, we are deeply grateful to our corporate partners for believing in our mission.

Both the stock pitch and the case study finals showcased the amazing talent of YIS students, generating great presentations

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Join us 10/22 for our first Fireside Chat or the year – a conversation with David Gardner, Chief Rule Breaker at Motley Fool
- Paper Trading Portfolio Competition, sponsored by Webull, starts November 1st
- Save these Dates:
GYIS in NYC – 5/25 & 26, 2027
2027 Gala – 5/26/27 at the Yale Club

and very difficult decisions for our judges. Congratulations to all participants! We look forward to welcoming students back to Cornell Tech on May 25 and 26, 2027 for another great GYIS!

Students Update

Young Investors Society is growing rapidly across the U.S., Asia, Africa, Europe, and South America! We are now in 48 U.S. states and 106 countries across the world! YIS currently has 1,824 active high schools participating, serving 6,209 active students worldwide. We are excited to welcome 893 new students in the month of September! As far as the Access Initiative, we've reached 373 schools and 2,852 students, with 93 new Access students added this quarter.

We recently surveyed our students about their experiences with YIS, and among their responses, we saw an almost 100% recommendation rate, and an improvement from 2.3/5 to 4.5/5 in students' understanding of investing and financial markets, among other encouraging responses. Thanks for all the respondents, and we will continue to work on delivering on our mission.

Fireside Chats

We are excited to kick off our popular Fireside Chat series this Fall with our first conversation on October 22. We are honored to welcome David Gardner to kick off the year. David is the Chief Rule Breaker at The Motley Fool and wrote the book *Rule Breaker Investing*. This will be a special event that is not to be missed!

YIS Certified Young Financial Literacy Scholar Award

On August 1st, Young Investors Society launched the Certified Young Financial Literacy Scholar Award, a new opportunity for YIS students to showcase their personal finance knowledge and earn official recognition for their commitment to financial success. This exam is the first of its kind for high school students, covering:

- ✓ Budgeting and financial planning
- ✓ Saving and building wealth
- ✓ Credit and debt management
- ✓ Investing fundamentals
- ✓ Taxes and insurance
- ✓ Real-world money skills and more

★ Exam Details:

- ✓ Available year-round
- ✓ Recommended after completing the Money Skillz Bootcamp

✓ Open to all YIS high school students

✓ Replaces the current Dollar-A-Day Challenge Quiz

Take the exam at:

<https://www.flexiquiz.com/SC/N/Y/ISCYFLS>

Global Paper Portfolio Competition



We are excited to launch the YIS x Webull Global Portfolio Competition, sponsored by Webull, giving students around the world the opportunity to build and manage a simulated investment portfolio while gaining hands-on experience with investing.

Over the course of the competition, students will make investment decisions, track their portfolios, learn from market movements, and put their financial knowledge into practice.

But this competition isn't just about who makes the most money. Students will have opportunities to be recognized for the highest risk-adjusted total return, highest overall total return, as well as subcategories demonstrating consistency of returns, long-term investing, and effective

portfolio diversification.

🏆 Compete with students from around the world

📊 Build and manage a simulated portfolio

💡 Develop real-world investing skills

🌐 Connect with a global community of young investors

🎓 Compete for recognition and exciting prizes

Best Risk-Adjusted Total Return winners will get first choice for the corporate events pre GYIS on May 24, 2027, and the following cash prizes.

1st Place: \$500

2nd Place: \$250

3rd Place: \$100

Whether you're an experienced investor or just beginning your investing journey, this is your chance to learn by doing and see how your investment decisions perform over time.

Sponsored by Webull, the official online brokerage partner of Young Investors Society. Complete event and registration details can be found on our [Events page](#).

Stock Competitions

YIS Students, being the self-starters that they are, have created their own stock pitch competitions across the country. If interested go to their websites and consider participating.

2026 Churchill Stock Pitch

Competition - Register to compete in the 2026 Churchill Investment Competition, offering high school investors the opportunity to compete for cash prizes and advance to final-round presentations hosted at Columbia Business School in New York City on December 19th. Register your team and submit 1st round materials by Nov. 4th: www.churchillinvestmentcompetition.org.

The Bay Area Stock Pitch

Competition - is an upcoming high school stock pitch competition taking place on November 14, 2026, at Menlo School in Atherton, California. Follow either @hhsyoung_investors_society or @thefinancial_initiative on Instagram for updates and further registration information.

Conclusion

It has been an invigorating beginning of the 2026/27 year, and we at YIS look forward to another great year of working together with our entire community.

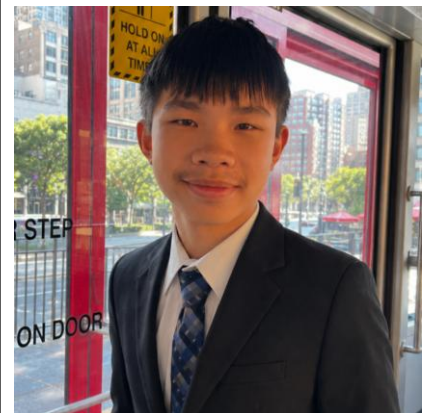
I look forward to staying in touch,

Will Landers

YOUNG INVESTOR SNAPSHOT

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Nicholas "Nick" is a Junior at BASIS Chandler in Arizona who is very passionate about both economics and finance. In his free time, he enjoys watching football, reading, and practicing German on Duolingo. Nick has earned the YIS CYIA designation to deepen his investment analysis skills and, being a member of the YIS Student Advisor Board, hopes to contribute more to the Young Investors Society community. His interests in finance and economics extend into applied research, including a quantum computing and machine learning project and an ongoing research collaboration on derivatives. He is also building an education-technology venture.



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.