

Empowering Youth Leaders to Make a Difference

Enfluence 2025 Event Agenda

Date: June 21, 2025

Welcome Address

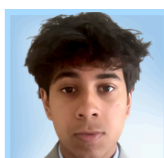
Youth Leaders begin speaking up



Nithyasri Anupalli

Speech Title: “The Backpack That Came Empty”

Low-income fourth graders score roughly 35 points lower on national reading assessments than higher-income peers, and only about half go on to college versus nearly nine in ten high-income students. Nithyasri works to close that gap, connecting underprivileged children with tutoring, books, and learning tools that build the foundation every child deserves.



Speaker: **Shaanit Dutta**

Speech Title: “Grief Doesn’t Wait for You to Grow Up”

About one in five U.S. children will experience the death of someone close to them before age 18, yet most schools have no formal way to support them. Unsupported grief is linked to higher anxiety and lower grades. Shaanit partners with Good Grief to give bereaved children and families a safe space to heal.



Speaker: **Anagha Meda**

Speech Title: ““The Language My Grandmother Speaks Alone”

Linguists have documented a three-generation pattern of heritage language loss among U.S. immigrant families, where grandchildren often lose the language their grandparents brought with them. Anagha partners with Manabadi (SiliconAndhra) to teach Telugu to younger children, keeping language, stories, and culture alive for the generations still to come.





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Samartha Shirodkar

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Speaker: **Arjun Balany**

Speech Title: “A Wheelchair’s Second Life”

Durable medical equipment like wheelchairs and walkers can cost hundreds of dollars new, putting it out of reach for families without insurance. Refurbished donations cut that cost by 50 to 80 percent. Arjun partners with Cares4MedicalEquipment to collect, restore, and redistribute used equipment, giving it a second life while restoring mobility to those in need.



Speaker: **Aditya Vijayakumar**

Speech Title: “Hunger Has a Zip Code”

Nearly 48 million Americans, including over 14 million children, lived in food-insecure households last year, with no guarantee of consistent access to enough food. Aditya partners with the American Red Cross to expand community food access, working to ensure no family has to choose between paying bills and putting dinner on the table.



Speaker: **Sruti Dusi**

Speech Title: “When a Period Becomes a Privilege”

Roughly one in four U.S. students struggle to afford period products, and nearly one in three miss class because of it. Period poverty quietly erodes confidence and academic performance. Sruti partners with YWCA to raise awareness around period poverty and expand access to menstrual products, treating periods as a health basic, not a stigma.





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Sri Sai Sharan Kommuru

Speech Title: "The Coat That Doesn't Fit"

An estimated two in five U.S. children are clothing insecure, lacking clean, properly fitting, seasonally appropriate clothes — a hidden hardship linked to absenteeism and bullying. Sri Sai Sharan partners with RFC to get clothing directly to underprivileged families, restoring the dignity and confidence that come from simply having something that fits.



Speaker: **Neeve Jhaveri**

Speech Title: "Finding My Voice in a New Language"

Over 5.3 million U.S. public school students are English language learners, and research shows one-on-one tutoring is the most effective way to build reading skills. Neeve partners with Literacy Volunteer Services to provide 1-on-1 English coaching, helping students gain the language confidence they need to succeed in school and in life.



Speaker: **Sohan Vendra**

Speech Title: "Wired Differently, Worthy Equally"

Unemployment among neurodivergent adults in the U.S. runs as high as 30 to 40 percent, several times the rate for non-disabled peers, often from a lack of resources rather than ability. Sohan partners with the Perception Foundation to raise mental health awareness and equip neurodiverse individuals with tools and opportunities to thrive.



Speaker: **Nandini Agarwal**

Speech Title: "When a Period Becomes a Privilege"

More than two million U.S. public school students attend schools offering zero arts instruction, with low-income and rural districts hit hardest. Arts participation is linked to stronger attendance and engagement. Nandini partners with the National Art Honor Society to bring hands-on art education directly into underserved community spaces, opening doors students wouldn't otherwise have.



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Tirth Patel

Speech Title: "A Court Where Everyone Belongs"

About 1 in 31 U.S. children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder, and research shows structured group sports meaningfully improve social interaction and physical activity in autistic kids. Tirth partners with ACEing Autism to run adaptive tennis programs for children and teens with autism, building confidence and community on the court.



Speaker: **Shaswat Senthilkumar**

Speech Title: "The Music They Almost Never Got to Play"

Low-income students who play in a school orchestra or band are more than twice as likely to reach the highest math performance levels as peers who don't. Shaswat partners with the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey to give talented young musicians performance opportunities beyond what school bands alone can offer.



Address by the Chief Guests

Award Ceremony

Traditional Group Cake Cutting

Vote of Thanks & Networking