Frances Hesselbein Student Leadership Program

The Military Child Education Coalition developed the Frances Hesselbein Student Leadership Program in 2006 in order to give exceptional Student 2 Student® participants the chance to receive leadership training. Frances Hesselbein, currently Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Leader to Leader Institute and the former CEO of the Girl Scouts of the USA, has a passion for the leadership development of students. The one-week program takes place at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, and the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Participants learn about team building, leadership development, character development, community involvement, and other related topics during the week. The students profiled here have been selected to attend the Frances Hesselbein Student Leadership Program, April 12-17, at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado.

Larkyn Baum
Larkyn is a junior at Portsmouth High School in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She is active with S2S, Student Council, Friends of Rachel, varsity volleyball, Ski Club, Great Bay Volleyball Club and South Meadow Beach Volleyball. Larkyn is co-leader and co-founder of her school’s S2S program, captain of the volleyball team, a recipient of the UNH Volleyball Camp Coach’s Award and was an MVP for JV volleyball. She works as a babysitter, French and math tutor, is a community and school volunteer through Student Council and is a Class Council volunteer.

Carson Butler
Carson is a junior at Kellum High School in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and is active with S2S, Junior Senate, Young Life Christian Youth Group, volleyball, Spanish Club, Wave Church Youth Group and Family Career and Community Leaders of America. Carson is founder and vice president of Kellum’s S2S program. Achievements include NJHS and NHS, varsity volleyball letter, Volleyball Academic award, VA Aerospace Science and Technology Scholar, Model NATO Challenge Student Diplomat, GT program, and straight A’s in all classes since kindergarten. Volunteer work includes Wounded Warrior Games, baseball concessions, nursing home visits, fundraisers for beach/neighborhood cleanups, Race for the Cure, Navy SEAL Foundation Turkey Trot and UNICEF Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat.

Abigail Copley
A junior at T. R. Robinson High School in Tampa, Florida, Abigail is active in S2S, student government, Feeding America, cross country and indoor/outdoor track. She attended VA High School League’s Student Leaders Conference and the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, is student government secretary and a member of the Spanish Honor Society. Abigail is co-captain of her cross country team, receiving the 100% award, Captain award and Heart and Soul award. Work and volunteer outlets include Waynewood Elementary track, Habitat for Humanity, Community Center cleanup, helping at a soup kitchen, feeding the homeless at a local church, race setup and registration, and babysitting.

Andraya Crawford
Andraya is a sophomore at Pickering High School in Leesville, Louisiana. She is active with S2S, Art Club, Student Council, cheerleading, Literary Rally, Bible Club, Beta Club, Character Counts and gymnastics. Awards and leadership roles include the A Honor Roll, GT program, Academic Excellence Award, Student of the 6-wks, U.S. Academy of Excellence and Hispanic Honor Society. Andraya works at her church youth group and is a Red Cross volunteer.

Sharod Farmer
Sharod is a junior at Rutherford High School in Panama City, Florida. His activities include S2S, Interact Club, Pep Club, soccer, Pride Band and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Sharod is an IB diploma candidate, S2S president, 2X superior medalist at the Florida Solo & Ensemble Festival, Florida Bandmaster Association Concert Band superior medalist, and has participated in the MCEC National Training Seminar. He is a Visual Arts Center of Northwest Florida volunteer, Rutherford High School executive intern, mathematics and Latin tutor, Wyndham Hotel & Resorts cleaner and homecoming dance volunteer.
Participation in the Frances Hesselbein Student Leadership Program is a competitive process. Students receive information about the application process through the S2S sponsor at their school, or go to www.MilitaryChild.org/parents-and-students/scholarships.