



*Staff and volunteers present on STTC2: (left to right) Rianna, Peyton, Fox, Charley, & Ryan*

# STUDENT Y: KY YMCA

## Y-CORPS: SERVICE TO THE COMMONWEALTH II

### Hey Student Y!

This is an example of how your chapter's newsletter can be presented, there will be two due a semester. We wanted to implement this as a task to be more up-to-date on what each chapter is doing and give you all some fun ways to report your progress to us! You can use this newsletter to tell us more about your chapter, the service you are doing, and/or the guest speakers you've had at your meetings. This is intentionally vague to let you determine what and how you want to tell us about your Student Y Chapter.

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### Service

On Y-Corps STTC2, we traveled all around Kentucky. One of the most impactful stories we heard was learning about the drinking water crisis in Martin County, Kentucky. At Appalshop, a nonprofit in Martin Co., Kentucky showed us a documentary they created called Sludge about the sludge spill that occurred in Martin County in 2000. The county still does not have clean drinking water due to this incident.



### Character Development

We also had the opportunity to learn about a family's mission to grow their own food and rely on their farmland. The STTC2 group arrived to High Hill Orchard to help the family of six on their farm but ended up learning the value of growing and working on your own land. The family welcomed us with open arms and made our group some of the best blackberry sorbet I've ever had!



### Civic Engagement

Because of all the amazing people and organizations we had the pleasure of meeting, it motivated us to bring awareness to the struggles that the folks in Eastern Kentucky experience due to the dying of the coal industry, increased poverty, and higher rates of drug overdoses. We have a new found passion to work with these communities and support them with our time, resources, and passion.



## HEY THERE!

I'm Rianna Ayala, the new Program and Chapter Coordinator with the KY YMCA Youth Association.

This example of a newsletter is just that, *an example!* You can use any program/format/etc. to present your newsletter. I'll have this example up along with some other templates that may be useful.

I recently went on the STTC2 Y-Corps journey so it made sense for me to make this example using my most recent KYYMCA experiences.

This is what I'm looking for from each chapter, a newsletter to report on what your chapter has done so far and to learn about the students in each affiliation!