# Youth Leadership Forum

Northern State University, June 8–12, 2025



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# 26th Annual YLF

## DELEGATE INFO

- RECEIVED 72
  APPLICATIONS
- ACCEPTED 47
  DELEGATES
- 39 ATTENDED

### THEME

### FIND YOUR PLACE IN THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

### PARTNERS

- TSLP
- DRS/SBVI
- DOE/OSEP
- SD PARENT CONNECTION
- USD CENTER FOR DISABILITIES





- Welcome
- Service Dog Etiquette
- Team Introductions and Team Building
- Native American Jingle Dance







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SHOW US YOUR AWARENESS





### FLUSHING AWAY I CAN'TS

### WHICH PATH TO CHOOSE?

### TO DISCLOSE OR NOT?

### ADULT AGENCY RUN

### THUNDER ROAD



- Individual Awards
- Dance and Karaoke
- Personal Safety "The Ride Ahead"
- It's All About Your IEP

LOVE, TATTOOS, AND DISABLED THINGS

A film by Samuel Habib & Dan Habib

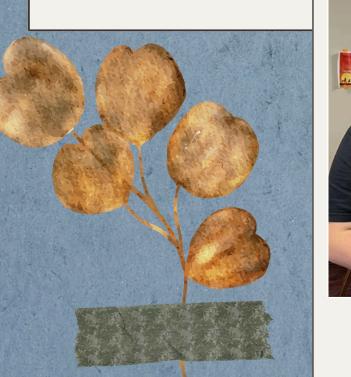


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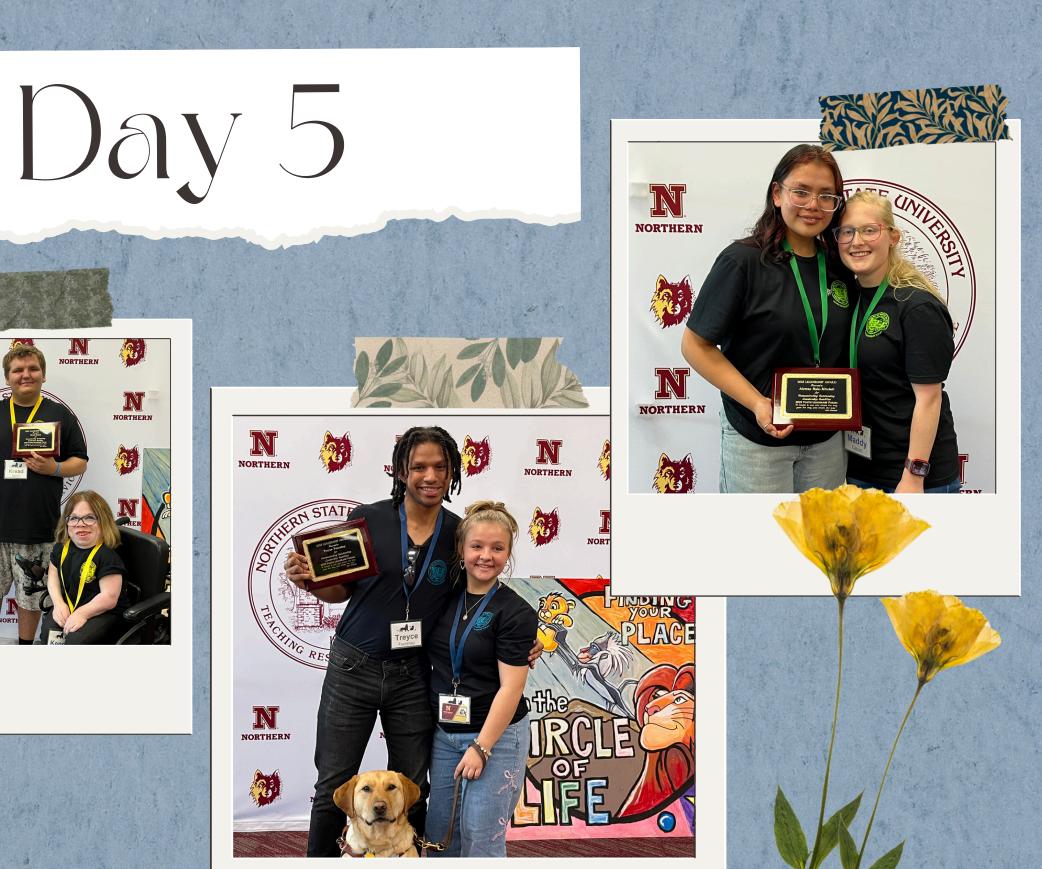












• League of Women Voters & Partners in Policymaking • Richard L Hicks Awards Luncheon



**"LEARNED A LOT IN A WEEK** AND MEETING NEW PEOPLE. I FEEL MUCH MORE **COMFORTABLE WITH MY DISABILITY AND UNDERSTAND** IT TOO. ALWAYS BE YOURSELF."

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**"I AM MORE CONFIDENT IN** TELLING OTHERS THAT, "HEY, I DO HAVE A DISABILITY." I DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID TO TELL OTHERS BECAUSE I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO HIDE TO MAKE **OTHERS COMFORTABLE."** 

"YLF HELPED ME LET GO OF MY **OWN SELF-HATE CAUSED BY** MY RELATIVES, GET ME BACK INTO THE IMPORTANCE OF NATURE, FIND A WAY TO ADVOCATE FOR MY RIGHTS AND THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS, AND PROVIDED ME WITH MORE SUPPORT AND RESOURCES."

## Quotes for Delegates

