

YYGS Virtual Conference

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Seasons come and go but memories and impact last forever. There has never been an exciting yet life-changing experience as the Yale Young Global Scholars virtual conference (YYGS connect). The program was much fun and more animated than I ever imagined any virtual program would be. Thanks to the KF staff and the YYGS team for making it such a successful and productive program for me.

My favorite part of the program was family time. I had a great experience meeting people and making friends from all the parts of the world. It was amazing knowing and sharing about our different countries' cultures, traditions and political affairs in my family at YYGS. I also had a pleasant moment while sharing the most important objects of our lives.



The other interesting part of the program was the STEM lectures. With mind-blowing topics such as *transhumanism* and *social robotics*, my lectures felt like work experience for Mechatronics. This helped me realize how much the career I want to take up has advanced and positively affected the people around the world. These lectures also helped me learn some of the factors that need to be put in place when creating technological materials for human assistance.



From L-R: Kelvin(l) , Leah(c) and Blessings(sitting) pose for a photo after YYAS/GS sessions

Additionally, the lecture “*We are all Guilty Here*” opened my mind further. It involved discussions on how technological devices such as fingerprint scanners have been used to solve crime. It went as far as to involve the critical analysis and evaluation of the reliability of witnesses in court. I had such fruitful time developing my analytical skills on real-life situations as I was introduced to podcast series for evaluation.

Simulation is another impactful program that helped me realize I’m part of the solution in bettering the world. In my group, we came up with a project to help the poor attain medical care in New York during COVID-19. Each of the four groups created helped map different solutions. This helped me realize that as individuals we can only make a small difference yet all together make a big difference to the world we live in today.

With all the impact the program had upon my life; the making of new friends and gaining career assurance, I can do more than just describe YYGS as a memorable life-changing experience. I hope to share my knowledge with other KF students starting this academic year.