

**MY YALE YOUNG GLOBAL SCHOLARS (YYGS) EXPERIENCE 2021 -
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I took part in Yale Young Global Scholars from the 21st to the 30th of July although it was virtual due to Covid-19. I was in the third session and our motto was “Innovations in Science and Technology.” This was my third time attending a program virtually and I expected it to be as boring as the other programs, but to my surprise, it turned out to be the opposite. To begin with, I was placed in a family of fourteen fellow peers and a director. In my group, we had people from Nigeria, India, China and the USA. We shared our interests in sports, skills and career aspirations.

We discussed complete and incomplete seminars and shared suggestions and understanding on the topics done in seminars. Family time provided cultural diversity through interaction with peers to share our dreams, fears.



In addition to family time, I also attended seminars and lectures. Some of the titles of the lectures' included 'Climate Change and Our Society,' 'Science Behind Netflix The One,' and 'Unconventional Energy Sources.' My favorite topic was 'Science Behind Netflix' because I have always been a fan of movies and the topic itself was interesting in that it talked about finding a soulmate using one's genetic makeup, of which in the normal sense someone can think is impossible.

The most memorable session for me during the YYGS conference was the simulation session.

As peers, we were assigned tasks of finding solutions to different problems affecting our society in the current state of coronavirus. My group members and I were dealing with the health section while others were dealing with the finance and social section. In our group, we decided to create a website whose content was to educate people about coronavirus, advertise goods to sell and earn money to help fund health institutions, and also contact details of health professionals in different parts of the world where all people seek-ing help in health-related issues can consult from.

This task allowed our group to work together by sharing duties and making innovative and creative ideas on how to do it. My contribution to the group was creating motivational and health quotes for the website. All the work we did together created a strong bond, made us learn a lot of things from each other and made us realize each other's abilities.

In summary, the YYGS experience was amazing and interesting and I will always recommend other people to take part. It is an experience that will never be forgotten and I will always look up to whenever I am attending any virtual program.