



## MEET THE 2019 IYOU INDIES



Left to Right:

- Cameron Lawson, West Central Region
- Michelle Keyes, Southwest Region
- Marcus Crump, South Central Region

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Hello there! I'm Cameron, and I'm from Unity's West Central Region. I am delighted to have the unique opportunity to work with this year's International YOU team.

I've been brought up in Unity my entire life. After alternating between the youth programs and going to services, I was eventually introduced to YOU, which I found resonated extremely strongly with me. Besides working with my chapter, I was Reggie Rep. this last year and learned a lot, as well as having a great experience! Only recently did West Central become active in IYOU again. My father, now a sponsor, was curious about IYOU, as he used to go back when he was a YOUer. Now, here we are, with more West-Centralians going every year! It seems our numbers double every year. I'm really glad to see all 7 regions bringing their presence to the Event once more.

I also enjoy sharing through music, and like to create an atmosphere in which everybody feels welcome. Ultimately, when it comes down to it, that's what YOU means to me!

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Hello all! My name is Michelle Keyes. I'm a theatre major in my first year in college. I'm from Unity's Southwest Region. I have been attending Unity since I was 3, and have attended Regional events since 5th grade.

Growing up in Unity has given me so much confidence, which has helped me immensely in theatre and in my everyday life. I've gained so many amazing friends and experiences through the many events I've attended, and I can honestly say that I would not be the person I am today without Unity.

My hope is that I create something that resonates with people and helps them through their spiritual journey. I'm so grateful for this opportunity to grow and learn with my fellow YOUers!

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Hey howdy, hey fellow Unity kids!

I'm Marcus, and if you couldn't tell from the howdy, I'm from Texas, which is in Unity's South Central Region. I've been a part of Unity my whole life. I remember my Mom taking me to Sunday school as a kid and how much I dreaded it, but she was so excited, especially once I was old enough to go to YOU events with her. It's kind of funny, she used to force me to go to the YOU events, and now I'm helping lead one, all on my own accord too.

My Mom will talk about how at my first event, I needed to be forced out of the car by the people in my family group. That might make you wonder why I've changed into a person who loves Unity and tries his best to use it in his everyday life. What happened was a combination of the effect of the messages and the people I met. It's hard to explain without going into great detail. After my first year as a YOUer, I felt changed. By the end of my senior year, I had the urge to try and replicate the same life changing impact, so I could return what I had gotten out of my time as a YOUer. I want someone to go home from the IYOU Event changed for the better, with a new and refreshed view on life, because that's what I had gotten.

Aside from church stuff, I'm your average kid. I like to nerd out with movies, games, comics, and pretty much anything else you could think of. I like to make friends and talk to people, even though I can be super awkward sometimes. I love music, I play bass and was raised on classic rock thanks to my Dad. If you see me around come and talk to me whenever. Maybe we could even play a game of Bacchus!