Applauding Young Professionals

Lincoln Young Professional Group’s annual YP Week united over 600 Lincoln YPs for a wide array of events to elevate, engage and educate the future leaders of our community. This year’s programming programming included important conversations about mental health, nonprofit board matching, meetings with city leaders about the future of Lincoln, a keynote presentation from Work Warrior Founder Marianne Chance and more. The 2nd Annual Young Lincoln Leader Awards (YLLA) were the highlight of the week, honoring seven recipients for their outstanding contributions to the Lincoln community. **Congratulations to the 2021 YLLA winners!**

**Young Professional of the Year – Yohance Christie**

**Young Citizen of the Year – Amanda N. Barker**

**Young Entrepreneur of the Year – Alicia Reisinger**

**Young Nonprofit Professional of the Year – Laura Uridil**

**Emerging Leader of the Year – Aakriti Agrawal**

**Next Generation Workplace – Hausmann Construction**

**Diversity and Inclusion Excellence – Dr. Amanda Irons**

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**2021 JumpStart Challenge Winners**

The JumpStart Challenge reverse-pitch event returned in 2021, with two winners being selected for their solutions to the industry challenges presented by businesses.

The ALLO Challenge, won by Josh Jones’ Project Aksarben, tasked participants to come up with solutions to make their high-speed fiber network better suited to meet the needs of the communities they serve.

The UNL Athletics Challenge, won by Chris Aumueller’s FanWord, sought the best ways to organize and maximize the opportunities for student athletes looking to capitalize on Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) endorsements, while a second prompt looked to improve fan experience in stadiums on gamedays.

Jones received a $5,000 cash prize from Calix and $1,000 each from ALLO and LPED. Aumueller won a $1,000 prize from LPED.