

Values Statement:

I lead with **patience** that recognizes growth takes time, and people can show up in different, unanticipated ways. I bring **humor** into my work that allows for a community of connection, ultimately allowing spaces where others can feel at ease. I ground my leadership in **love** for what I do, and chose to show up with care and genuine investment in others, providing **community** through collaboration and shared success. Lastly, I value **efficiency**, using time and resources intentionally to turn ideas into meaningful results.

LPV Statement:

To let every action I do be done out of intention so that the trials I have are faced with integrity and allow me to grow prosperously. Let my patience and kindness be a fruit of the achievements I will make and a reflection of my persistence to succeed. Let these achievements foster a community with humor and open minded solutions.

What I've learned:

Being involved in Newton Fellows has taught me to lead with intentionality yet be grounded in a learning mindset. Through experiences like living out leadership obstacles during our camping trip, or through my experience in collaborating in the Changemakers Challenge, I've noticed leadership is not necessarily about having the right answers but rather asking thoughtful questions and creating a safe space for others to do the same. Another skill I've learned was to develop stronger communication. Through sitting in on the Board of Advisors strategy work, organizing leaders across different disciplines can be difficult. After seeing how well leaders such as Jessi Follet and Philop DiStefano handle the intersectionality of multidisciplinary leaders, I've learned that the most effective form of communication happens when everyone feels heard. One way they executed this idea was through splitting up into groups and using whiteboards as a form to track everyone's opinions on the pros, cons, and potential solutions for next steps for their mission and values over the next few years. Overall, this experience shifted my perspective on leadership and how to cater my leadership style to be more human-centered, where impact comes from how you engage with others.