

Newton Leadership Fellow

## **End-of-Year Summary**

### **Values Statement**

I will build a life of love centered around family and community through wholehearted forgiveness, unbounded generosity, and overflowing optimism.

### **Leadership Point of View**

Driven by service, impact, and respect, I build community by bringing people together to solve problems and create environments where connection, growth, and empowerment thrive.

### **Final Reflection**

The greatest skill I developed this year by being a Newton Leadership Fellow was deeper ability to form meaningful connections, both with others and with myself. The program created a space where I could engage with high-achieving students in disciplines far outside my own. Each fellow brought a unique background, leadership style, and set of aspirations. Building individual relationships with them broadened my perspective and strengthened my ability to connect across differences. While my values statement already reflected a strong belief in love and community, the Newton Fellows allowed me to develop improved strategies for forming more intentional and authentic connections. Connection is essential to leadership because it builds trust, fosters collaboration, and allows leaders to understand and support the people they serve. Through the Newton Leadership Fellows experience, I have come to view connection not just as a value, but as the foundation of meaningful leadership.