

**Happy New Year!**

**Young Government Leaders hopes you all had a wonderful holiday season!**

My name is **Sheila Archambault Helke**, and I am incredibly excited to officially begin my first year as President of Young Government Leaders (YGL), replacing the leadership of our amazing past president, Michelle Rosa.

Over the past year, Michelle and I worked together to stand up YGL's first focus area, entitled "**Resilient We Rise**." We are proud to have hosted several events last year focused on wellness, leadership development, networking, and diversity and inclusion.

As incoming President, my goal is to continue to equip you, our YGL members, with the tools, training and network to take the next step in your government career, whether you have ambitions to become a senior executive, a subject matter expert, or are currently looking for the next exciting assignment.

In 2021, YGL's focus is "**Bridging the Gap to Government Leadership**." We plan to concentrate on the [Executive Core Qualifications](#), building training, events, and blog posts to develop and equip our members with the professional competencies required to be a successful leader in the federal, state, or local government. Our goal this year is to help you gain and develop the skills to take your next career step!

Here is our theme breakout:

January -February: Professional Goal Setting and Planning for 2021

February-March: Leading Change in the Government

April-May: Leading People

June-July: Driving Results

August-September: Building Coalitions

October-November: Building Business Acumen

Assisting me this year is a board powered 100% by volunteer YGL members. Each brings a diversity of thought, talent, and passion to the board, and we are excited to work with and for you all this year!

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*\*We currently have open board positions. If you are interested in serving, please contact [Rachel Ali](#) and [Champaine Addison](#) for more information on open positions.*

I am honored to lead and work with such an amazing team. But nothing we do would be possible without a strong community of people passionate enough to volunteer their time to YGL—people who volunteer to speak at events, offer up their spaces for us to use, and serve on committees. There are so many people who have helped make YGL what it is today. A two-year term is not a long time, and I hope we can continue to carry that torch and serve the evolving needs of our YGL membership and our government workforce community.

I look forward to a great two years serving as YGL's president!

If you have any ideas or questions, please feel free to contact me or any of our board members.

Yours in service,



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