

13TH ANNUAL

# Student Leadership Exchange

at Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025**

9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. | IN-PERSON EXPERIENCE

## ABOUT THE EVENT

LEAD culminates in the presentation of student projects, developed in elective modules, at the annual Student Leadership Exchange (SLX). SLX provides students an opportunity to present their projects and research to entrepreneurs, visiting professors, experts in their fields, IMSA faculty, state legislators, and most importantly each other. SLX functions much like an academic conference focusing on youth leadership, bringing awareness to social issues from around the world.

Connected to SLX is the long-standing tradition of the Hollister Lecture, an annual lecture series sponsored by the family of on of IMSA's formal faculty Dr. Bernard Hollister. The Hollister Lecture series aims to inform students about various social issues and topics in student leadership.

**Expectation of Dress:** All students and staff directly participating in SLX are expected to wear business professional or business casual attire, commonly referred to as "Convocation" style within the IMSA community. To support the professionalism of the event, the LEAD team also encourages those not directly participating to dress in business professional or business casual attire while in IMSA's main building.

## AGENDA

- 9:00 A.M. Welcome and Opening Remarks  
25-26 LEAD Coordinators Anjali Ali and Mikaella Moraga
- 9:30 A.M. Hollister Lecture  
IMSA Alum Julia Stamberger '92
- 11:00 A.M. Class of 2027 Lunch and Activities
- 1:00 P.M. Presentation Opening Remarks
- 1:50 P.M. Round 1 Presentations
- 2:10 P.M. Round 2 Presentations
- 2:30 P.M. Round 3 Presentations
- 2:50 P.M. Presentation Break
- 3:10 P.M. Round 4 Presentations
- 3:30 P.M. Round 5 Presentations
- 3:50 P.M. Round 6 Presentations
- 4:00 P.M. SLX Classroom Photo

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[Student Leadership Exchange Project Abstracts](#)

## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

### Julia Stamberger '92

IMSA alum Julia Stamberger '92 is a visionary entrepreneur and 25-year veteran of the food industry, renowned for launching and scaling sustainable, nutrient-dense food and beverage brands that meet the challenges of a changing climate and a growing global population. Her latest ventures focus on leveraging globally cultivable cover crops to create convenient, delicious, and climate-resilient products designed to help feed 10 billion people by 2050.

Julia is the co-founder and CEO of Hope and Sesame, the world's first commercialized sesame milk and winner of the 2023 Chicago Innovation Award. This breakthrough plant-based milk uses 75%–92% less water than other dairy or non-dairy milks, while providing 8 grams of complete protein per serving. She is also the founder of 10 Billion By 2050, LLC, an initiative focused on building sustainable food systems that can thrive despite environmental pressures.

A pioneer in the airline snackbox industry and a leader in plant-based food innovation, Julia has been recognized by Crain's Chicago Business as both a Notable Entrepreneur and a Notable Leader in Sustainability. She was inducted into the Exceptional Women Alliance in 2021 and currently serves on the board of directors for the Plant Based Food Association, where she co-chairs the Sustainability Committee.

