My capstone revolves around Portland’s Youth Action Grants program and its uniqueness as a grants cycle BY and FOR youth. These grants support youth empowerment and civic engagement by funding innovative, youth-led ideas and transforming them into actions that better communities citywide.

Youth Empowerment stands on three main foundations:
- Positive Youth Development
- Youth-Adult Partnership
- Youth Voice

From eradicating racial stereotypes to raising awareness about healthy eating, this year’s 11 grant awardees reflect the creativity and diversity amongst Portland’s children and youth. Celebrating and supporting this demographic ensures a better future for every Portlander, regardless of their age.