



Tansy Michaud

Tansy was YPA's Promise Award Winner in 2008. She is currently a senior, studying Motion Picture Arts at Florida State University in Tallahassee. At the end of this December 2011, she will graduate with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.



The Young Preservationists Association was a great inspiration for me to pursue a career path in the motion picture industry. At that point in high school I knew I loved making films, but through YPA I was able to see how others responded to the films I was creating. I was amazed when I realized how much one little film could help the community revitalization projects that were going on in my hometown, and from there I wanted to explore filmmaking further and see who else or what else I could inspire. YPA was definitely a catalyst for my choice to study filmmaking in college.



Through YPA I was able to really learn more about the revitalization projects that were happening all across Pennsylvania. Until that point, I was only aware of my hometown's little vision of what we wanted our own community to become. When I realized that this same story was happening in many towns, I remember feeling again very inspired.

Before interacting with YPA I think I definitely felt as if today's youth really had to yell to be heard. YPA helped me realize that our thoughts really do matter, especially since we grow up we will eventually inherit the communities we are trying to revitalize today.



After being involved with YPA I am not only more inclined to take action to improve the community I live in, I can also say that I now have a very solid and educated idea of how to go about doing so.