


# Philosophy Outreach Project

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## Overview

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The Philosophy Outreach Project gets high school students across Indiana thinking.

POP creates alternative spaces for learning in classrooms, clubs, online, and conference settings. By curating philosophical content and fostering philosophical discussion, POP provides high school students with tools and a platform to engage with each other and the world.

POP is run by three teams of Ball State students with a variety of different interests and backgrounds. POP's team includes students studying philosophy, psychology, English, communications, criminal justice, and more.

This diversity of interests and knowledge allows for an impressive level of collaboration, which is ultimately what makes POP successful in promoting and facilitating pre-college philosophy.

For more information about POP, check out our [website](#).



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## Our Team

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The Philosophy Outreach Project is led by a different group of immersive-learning students each year. In addition, an Advisory Board assists with long-term planning.

**Social Media Team:** Grace Georgi (Lead), Stephanie Ochoa, and Ariel Blunk

**Outreach Team:** Parker Gray (Lead), Madison Miller, Isabel Lozano, and Grant Ryan

**Resource Team:** Griffin Green (Lead), Rachel Johnson, and Carter Hollems

**Conference Team:** Emma Hamilton (Lead), Cierra Tindall (Lead), Emily Voelker, Abby Eads, and Austin Lewis

**Instructor:** Dr. Sarah Vitale

Read bios of our POP team members [here!](#)


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# Resource Team

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POP's resource team is responsible for creating philosophical resources for high school students and teachers.

Starter packs are online resources where students can choose a philosophical topic and be introduced to it through a variety of different types of media. Each starter pack includes an introductory paragraph on the topic, videos, podcasts, a list of key thinkers, links to key texts, and key questions. This year, the resource team has been hard at work creating new starter packs that cover topics like existentialism, philosophy of time, philosophy of mind, and philosophy of law.

The resource team also makes resources for teachers, including white pages on philosophy for children and philosophy lesson plans. These lesson plans aim to assist teachers who are interested in implementing philosophical discourse in their classrooms. This year, the resource team has created many new lesson plans on many different philosophical topics.

This year, the resource team designed a POP semiannual newsletter. This included team lead spotlights, news regarding the annual conference, advisory board, site visits, and more.


To check out all of the resources POP has available, please visit our [website](#).

 [Resource](#)

**Resource Team Staff:** Griffin Green (Lead), Rachel Johnson, and Carter Hollems

# Outreach Team

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## Outreach Team/MCHS

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POP's Outreach/Muncie Central High School team is responsible for facilitating discussions at Muncie Central High School's weekly philosophy club meetings, lunch room visits, and coordinating site visits to Indiana high schools.

The aim of both of these forms of outreach is to make philosophy more accessible to high school students. Leading the MCHS philosophy club is one way that POP has been able to achieve this goal within the local community. POP aims to encourage the high school students to guide the conversations. This allows for an increased level of engagement, creativity, and philosophical dialogue amongst students.

POP also aims to achieve the goal of making philosophy more accessible by visiting Indiana high schools and facilitating conversations on a wide variety of philosophical topics. Ball State students work with high school teachers and club leaders to provide tailored presentations for specific schools.

**Outreach/MCHS Team Staff:** Parker Gray (Lead), Madison Miller, Isabel Lozano, Grant Ryan

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# Social Media Team

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One of the main ways POP connects with high school students who are interested in philosophy is through social media.

POP's social media and online presence is entirely run by the social media team. Each week, the team chooses a philosopher of the week to highlight on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. They also advertise the online resources made by the resource team, make weekly posts about the discussions at the MCHS philosophy club, and share engaging discussion questions and polls.

The social media team is also responsible for promoting POP during One Ball State Day. This year, the social media team created an online campaign consisting of challenges, prizes, and interviews in order to garner support for POP. Due to their efforts, POP received over \$650 dollars in donations!

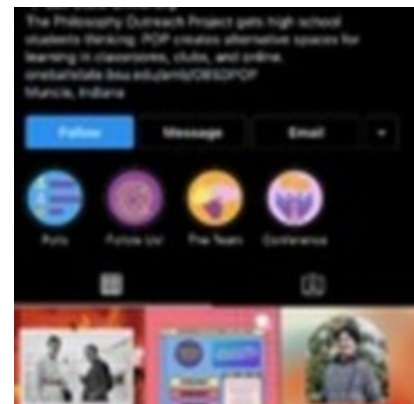
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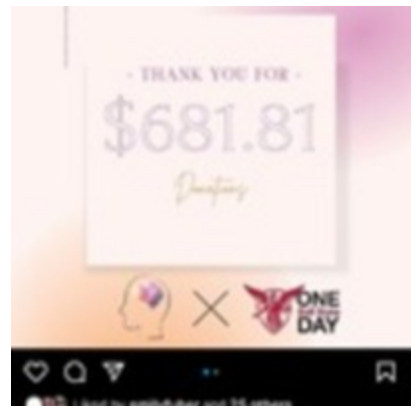
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**Social Media Team Staff:** Grace Georgi (Lead), Stephanie Ochoa, and Ariel Blunk








# Conference Team

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## Conference for Pre-College Philosophical Engagement

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POP hosts an annual free philosophy conference that is tailored to the interests and learning styles of high school students. The conference features a variety of breakout sessions that feature presentations from both Ball State students, professors, and guests. The conference is centered around small group discussion, which gives students a real opportunity to learn, discuss, and challenge their philosophical positions. Through philosophical inquiry, POP aims to provide students with a conference experience that fosters curiosity and the pursuit of knowledge.

The students who participated in the conference team spent the semester thoroughly preparing for this year's conference. The conference was able to be held in person again this year as opposed to last year's virtual conference due to COVID-19. The team planned the schedule and conference topics, communicated with students teachers that wanted to attend, organized registration, contacted and assisted in planning with presenters, and designed "swag" items.

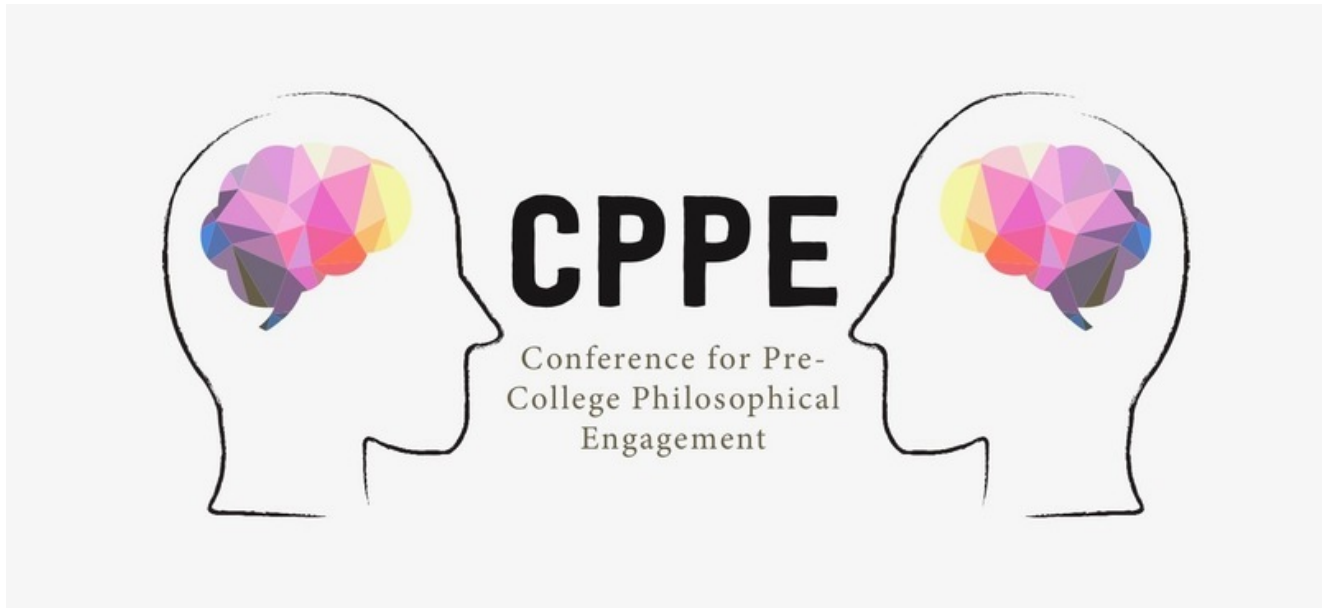
This year, the theme of the conference was social justice. The POP team with the aid of professors and professionals led sessions tailored to this theme. Some of the session topics included homelessness, refugees, climate change, school funding, and critical race theory. In the morning, the students attended sessions about the major philosophical studies to give them basic philosophical understanding. By the end of the conference, the students were tasked with using what they learned from their morning sessions to try to come up with solutions to these topics.

**Conference Team Staff:** Emma Hamilton (Lead), Cierra Tindall (Lead), Emily Voelker, Abby Eads, and Austin Lewis

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