



**STUDENT  
VISIONARIES  
OF THE YEAR™**

# TEAM FINISH THE FIGHT

## Meet Christopher Spath

*Junior at Shenendehowa High School*

For the next 7 weeks, I'm thrilled to take part in the Student Visionaries of the Year campaign, an incredible initiative by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society! Through this program, students like me raise funds and spread awareness to support LLS and the fight against blood cancer.



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# WHY I FINISH THE FIGHT

I was honored to be nominated for Student Visionaries of the Year by my aunt, Ashley Closson—a two-time cancer survivor and an inspiring LLS Honored Hero. But for me, this fight is deeply personal. Cancer has touched my family too many times, claiming precious moments and leaving scars no one should bear.

When my father was diagnosed with cancer at just 26 years old, it was a wake-up call. Then, in 2022, we lost my grandfather to his fourth battle with this relentless disease. In total, five members of my father's immediate family have faced cancer, battling eight different types. The weight of these experiences has shaped my commitment to this cause.

I fight for my family—for my young cousins, myself, and the generations yet to come. I fight to end the fear and heartbreak that cancer brings, so that no one else has to hear the words, "You have cancer."

This is more than a campaign; it's a mission of hope, courage, and love. Together, we can finish this fight.

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