Sadanan is a professional fellow from Bangkok, Thailand who participated in the Young Southeast Asian Leadership Initiative (YSEALI) Program in November 2021. The program is designed to promote mutual understanding, enhance Fellows’ leadership and professional skills, and build lasting and sustainable partnerships between emerging leaders in Southeast Asia and the United States. The institute theme for this year is Governance and Society and she partnered with DSST Byers to help build their global website.
"My experience during my virtual fellowship program made me feel grown-up. Before the virtual program, I had some concerns about how can I learn through online but when I met my host "Juliann" at the first meet, I felt relieved. Then I know the learning experience will certainly be very valuable for me. My position is to build the DSST Global website. I have to collect information and put it on the website. I learned about how to do it and from this experience, I know more information about DSST School. We make an appointment to update the event once a week. She always helps and provides all the information requested. I've also been able to find activities and templates for youth mental and ice-breaking.

I and YC had the opportunity to participate in class activities with the student 1 time through zoom. I did team building activities about drawing 4 pictures and in the last picture, the keyword is innovation. The meaning of this activity is for students to understand that if you can draw anything, building innovation is not difficult to do. I was so excited and I remember one student saying hello (Sa-Wa-dee-ka) to me in Thai, So cute! I'm so impressed.

Even though my internship is over now, the website I'm working on is not finished yet. I intend to continue it. I want to say thank you to Juliann, Jaimie, and Mauli for this opportunity to learn and this experience. I hope to see you all in person soon!!"

- SADANAN LORPENPOP