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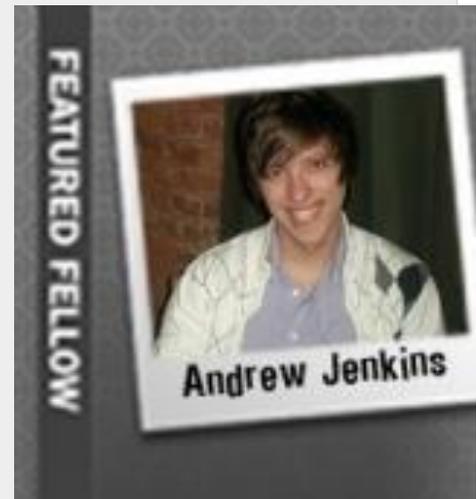
Dear << Test First Name >>,
Happy Black History and Women's History month! We here at YP4 have been busy reviewing Blueprint proposals and selecting the 2012-2013 class. Thanks to our alumni and partners we received a record number of nominations and applications to the 2012-2013 Fellowship program. If you are interested in helping in the selection process [please contact William Dennis](#).

We would like to take a moment to thank our 2011-2012 board. This year we accomplished so much with their leadership including reaching over 700 alumni, creating new ways for alumni to connect to the Fellowship program, and fundraising over \$3,000 for the program. Earlier this month we completed the selection process for the 2012-2013 Alumni Board. We were excited to see the critical work our alumni continue to do in their communities. We continue to be impressed by the quality of applications we receive from alumni. As each year passes it becomes more challenging to select just 12 individuals to serve on the Board. This year we selected alumni from the 2006-2011 Fellowship classes, who have been through all of YP4's leadership development programs, people who have served in elected

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This month's featured Fellow is **Andrew Jenkins**, a 2010 YP4 Fellow working at Choice USA. This winter we had a chance to catch up with AJ and asked him to tell us more about his work!

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leadership, and people who are doing critical work in their communities. Therefore it is our pleasure to announce our 2012-2013 Alumni Board.

Young People For is undergoing some important and exciting changes in our Advanced Leadership & Alumni department. Including hiring an Advanced Leadership & Alumni Program Manager. These changes will create access to additional leadership development opportunities for our alumni and fellows and support them as they continue their work in their communities. Our advanced leadership work focuses on creating access to individual and professional development opportunities & campaign leadership development. While we will still continue to feature opportunities to engage in the newsletter, next month we will launch our first Alumni Digest - meant to connect alumni to upcoming opportunities for engagement with the organization.

Among those opportunities we are thrilled to announce the return of our Senior Fellowship & Career Coaching. YP4 understands that the change we create is long-term. That's why the Senior Fellowship gives alumni access to resources to continue working on their Blueprint for Social Justice or to start a new Blueprint in their community. If you're interested in applying for a Senior Fellowship ([hurry - there are limited spots available!](#)) apply today! If you have questions please feel free to contact [Joy Lawson](#) or [Paloma Ibanez](#).

We also know that in order to create lasting change our alumni and Fellows need continued access to resources like career coaching. With youth



**We're building for the future...
now.**

If would like to help guarantee that none of our Fellows miss out on the opportunity to participate in the Fellowship Program this year, [click here to make a generous donation](#). Your contribution will help cover the cost of transporting, feeding, and housing over 150 fellows as they travel to National Summit from nearly 100 campuses across the country.

[Support the newest generation of progressive leaders by making a generous gift today.](#)

Watch videos, upload your YP4 pictures and more! YP4's on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Future 5000... you name it.

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unemployment the lowest it's been in 60 years, we want to ensure that our alumni are able to secure jobs in the progressive movement. That's why we're offering a limited amount of one-on-one coaching sessions to our Fellows and alumni.

Finally, Young People For is excited to announce our partnership with the Corporate Reform Coalition and Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) in creating a campus organizing effort to pressure individual investors and institutional clients of major mutual funds to vote in support of greater disclosure mechanisms. This effort arises out of People For the American Way's continuing effort to repeal Citizen's United. The 2010 Supreme Court ruling in *Citizens United vs. the FEC* has created an environment where the voices of ordinary citizens may be entirely drowned out by powerful special interests that can spend unlimited, unregulated and undisclosed amounts of money to influence our elections. In this new climate, corporations will have more influence over our politicians than ever before. It will be increasingly difficult to hold our elected officials accountable to addressing the problems facing our country and world that matter most, such as growing inequality, global warming, the ballooning cost of health care and the debt. YP4 and PIRG will be hosting a conference call next Thursday Feb 23, 2012 at 7pm EST to talk about strategies and tactics for the upcoming Corporate Court Campus Campaign. If you are on the campuses of Howard, Stanford or UC Berkeley or are interested in joining in on the campaign please [contact William Dennis](#).

NEED A JOB?

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The Brennan Center for Justice, [Graduate Research Assistant](#), NY

Center for Community Change, [Annual Fund and Marketing Manager](#), DC

Center for American Progress, [Anti-Hate Table Manager](#), DC

Chewonki Semester School, [Teaching Fellow](#), ME

Demos, [Communications Director](#), NY

FRESHFARM Markets', [Event Assistant](#), DC

Grassroots Campaigns, [Student Campaigners](#), MA & DC

Greenbrier, [Deputy Director](#), VA

Leadership Conference, [Field Program Associate](#), DC

We look forward to working with you in the future.

All the best,
The YP4 Team



The Fellowship team and YP4 mentors are currently reviewing **Blueprint for Social Justice** proposals – we’ve received over 70 Blueprint proposals already and expect to receive over 85 total! We’re working hard to make sure every proposal is reviewed and substantive feedback is provided. We’ll be reaching out to YP4 Fellows in the upcoming weeks to discuss next steps and begin the Blueprint funding process. We’re so excited to support the work of this year’s dynamic Fellowship class. We’re also in the process of **selecting the incoming 2012-2013 YP4 Fellowship class** – reviewing over 450 applications for the program, again with the support of our amazing alumni. We hope to announce the new class in early April, so stay tuned! If you’re interested in participating in the selection process by reviewing applications or interviewing candidates for the program, please let William know at wdennis@pfaw.org.

Our **civic engagement program** has officially launched! Our campus organizers have begun their planning for the year, and are beginning the exciting work of registering, educating, and mobilizing voters for the 2012 elections. As follow-up to the National Vote Summit YP4 hosted in January, our campus

League of Conservation Voters,
[Special Events and Major Gift
Program Coordinator](#), DC

NAACP, [Administrative Coordinator,
Environmental and Climate Justice
Program](#), MD

NAACP, [Regional Field Director](#), Mid-
western, Northeast, Western regions

Nation Builder, [Organizers](#), CA

National eHealth Collaborative,
[Communications Assistant](#), DC

NY Communities for Change,
[Community Organizer](#), NY

NonaBrooklyn, [Feature Writers and
Ad Sales](#), NY

People For the American Way, [Online
Developer](#), DC

Planned Parenthood Federation of
America, [Public Policy Analyst](#), DC

South Asian Americans Leading
Together, [Program Manager](#), MD

Stand Up Chicago, [Community
Organizer](#), IL

Unite Here!, [Online Organizer](#), NV &
various

University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign, [Assistant Director, Asian
American Cultural Center](#), IL

organizers will be meeting as a group twice again this semester via webinar for some supplemental training. We're also working to support Elena Swartz, a YP4 Fellow and campus organizer at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania, to deliver an in-person training based on the YP4 civic engagement curriculum. If you're interested in hosting a local training on your campus or in your community, please contact Zach at zdryden@pfaw.org to discuss!

In just a few months, Young People For (YP4) will kick off the 2012-2013 Fellowship year with regional trainings in Madison (June 14-17th, 2012), Tucson (July 12-15, 2012), Raleigh (July 26-29, 2012), and Newark (August 9-12, 2012). In each city we'll be joined by 30-40 new Fellows from across each region for three days of intensive leadership development, skills and issues trainings. If you are in the area and are interested in helping plan or attend a regional training [please contact Paloma Ibanez](#).



Check out 2011 Fellow Celia Burke's [blog on Environmental Justice](#).

Congratulations are in order for Sofia Campos, 2010-2011 Fellow, who recently joined the [United We Dream Board](#)!

We are incredibly proud of 2011-2012 Fellow Ariel Boone who wrote a bill to get UC Berkeley student

U.S. PIRG, [Campus Organizer](#), WA

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government to move its \$3.5 million out of Bank of America and urge the university to do the same. We are thrilled to announce that it just passed unanimously in UC Berkeley's student senate! [Check out her article about the bill here.](#)

Check out 2008 alum Matthew Segal [talking about his work in Financial Times!](#)

Couldn't make it to the reception? Check out our videos for the two alumni honorees: Jameelah Muhammad (<http://bit.ly/yDPk2z>), 2008, Jon Hoadley (<http://bit.ly/zXQTKY>), 2005.

Want to be featured? [Tell us](#) about the great things that you're doing!

EVENTS & TRAININGS

As a leadership development program we understand the importance of attending conferences and skills trainings to better hone your leadership skills. Unfortunately, we've run out of conference funding at this time. We'll be announcing it again if we're able to provide any additional resources. We put together a toolkit on [fundraising for conferences last year](#), which might be helpful for you if you're trying to get somewhere. Let us know if you need any other support!

[Establishing New Goals](#), Norine Dagliano

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[CATHARSIS: A CONFERENCE for EMOTIONAL JUSTICE](#) | Brooklyn, NY | February 25, 2012 |

10:00AM- 6:00 PM

ca·thar·sis (k -thär s s). n. pl. ca·thar·ses (-s z): An emotional release, occurring through art...spiritual renewal... or release from tension through expression. Used in healing, cleansing, and transforming experience throughout history.Used in cultural practices, literature, drama, medicine, religion, and psychology.

[NASPA Annual Conference](#) | Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education | Phoenix, AZ |
March 10-14

The 2012 NASPA Annual Conference convenes in Phoenix, a city whose namesake symbolizes the capacity to rise up, scan the landscape, and anticipate future events that will shape our lives. Higher education, like our global society, needs leaders with the capacity to see an unfolding future, as well as the character and agility to shape that future with the founding and enduring values of the student affairs profession.

We are challenged to alter the way we approach our work if we are to stay relevant. Igniting our collective leadership means having the courage and flexibility to cross historic, societal, and organizational boundaries in service to our students, our profession, and the future we dare to create. Influencing change means taking risks to construct vital networks that demonstrate the depth of our commitment to create significant organizations and socially relevant lives. In this spirit, we challenge you to join us in exploring the

following questions:

- What ignites the spark of leadership in each of us?
- How can we influence our traditional environments in this dynamic world of virtual interfaces which span arbitrary boundaries?
- What steps can we take to embrace change?
- What strategies do we use to create new possibilities for our communities?
- How do our founding values ground or empower us in times of uncertainty?
- How do our roles and identities shift in a boundary-free organization?

[Democracy Day](#) | **Rock the Vote** | March 23

Join Rock the Vote and our partners in celebrating our second annual Democracy Day on March 23, 2012 preparing high school seniors to cast a ballot in their first election this November, and educate your students about the importance of active citizenship in this year's elections and beyond. Democracy Class (www.democracyclass.com) is a one-period nonpartisan lesson plan that uses video, issues discussions and a mock election to teach young people the skills to navigate the elections process and register to vote so that they can truly take part in our democracy. Sign up at www.democracyday.com and get your FREE toolkit including the lesson plan, video, buttons, T-shirts and a banner to make this a day your students won't forget!

[From Abortion Rights to Social Justice: Building the](#)

[Movement for Reproductive Freedom](#) | **Civil Liberties and Public Policy Institute at Hampshire College** | **Amherst, MA** | **April 13-15**

CLPP's annual conference connects activists from across the U.S. and internationally to build a stronger movement for reproductive justice and social change. Through plenaries, workshops, panels, and trainings, we encourage intergenerational dialogue, support youth leadership, and help build the connections and analysis necessary for cross-movement collaborations.

More than 150 speakers and 75 conference workshops will highlight successful examples of activism and discuss how struggles for reproductive and sexual rights are intricately linked to movements for economic, social, and environmental justice. Topics of [workshops](#) and strategic action sessions include abortion access in the U.S. and internationally, climate justice, anti-foreclosure activism, media making and storytelling, the politics of population control, and organizing around the 2012 elections. CLPP has limited funding to provide travel and hotel stipends. While CLPP cannot offer stipends to everyone who applies, they will do our best to bring as many people as possible from as many communities as possible. For travel scholarships [click here](#).

[The Reproductive Justice Leadership Institute](#) | **Choice USA** | **Long Beach, CA** | **April 27-29**

The Reproductive Justice Leadership Institute is a weekend-long intensive workshop introducing activists (ages 17-25) from all over California to the reproductive justice movement and basic organizing skills. Designed for young people who are new to the

movement, the Reproductive Justice Leadership Institute helps build lasting connections among young leaders. Travel and hotel expenses are covered to ensure that this event is accessible for all our leaders. The application for the California Reproductive Justice Leadership Institute is open at:

<http://bit.ly/CARjli12> To nominate a young leader to participate, go to: <http://bit.ly/rjli12nomination>

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Seed Grants

Are you working to start a community action project or program? Do you need money to put your ideas into action? If you answered, "YES!", you are eligible to apply for a [Do Something Seed Grant](#). Do Something gives out a \$500 Do Something Seed Grant every week to help young people just like YOU!

Do Something Seed Grants are targeted towards project ideas and programs that are just getting started. These grants can be used to jump-start your program or to realize your ideas for the first time. If you are looking for funding to help take your project to the next level, check out the [Do Something Growth Grants!](#)

[Brower Youth Awards](#) | **Earth Island Institute's New Leaders Initiative | Award**

Earth Island Institute established the Brower Youth Awards to honor founder and legendary activist David R. Brower. The Brower Youth Awards recognizes six young people in North America annually for their outstanding activism and achievements in the fields of

environmental and environmental justice advocacy. The winners of the award receive a \$3,000 cash prize, a trip to California for the award ceremony and wilderness camping trip, and ongoing access to resources and opportunities to further their work at Earth Island Institute. Young activist leaders ages 13-22 living in North America are eligible to apply.

[ProInspire](#) | Fellowship Program

ProInspire's flagship program, the ProInspire Fellowship, recruits top business professionals with 2-5 years of business experience who want to use their skills for social impact and to invest in a growing community of ProInspire fellows. Fellows spend one year working in an analytical or strategic role at a nonprofit organization. After the Fellowship, Fellows engage with our community of alumni to continue investing in the sector.

This highly competitive program offers targeted positions with leading nonprofits, monthly trainings with a cohort of peers, a coach, and a network to support career growth. [For more information](#) or to apply, click [here](#).

Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund | April 1, 2012

Deadline

Are you organizing for progressive social change? Leading student movements on your campus or in your community? If so, read on. The Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund has applications available for student activists who are building progressive movements for social change and will be enrolled in school during the 2012-13 academic year. Our

website provides answers to questions about the Fund, the application process, and the students we support. If you know of students working for peace and justice, or if you have a list of activist contacts, please send this announcement along and refer potential applicants to the Fund's website: www.davisputter.org.

Since 1961 the Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund has provided need-based grants to students who are involved in building movements for social and economic justice and are able to do academic work at the college level. Grantees are both graduates and undergraduates enrolled in accredited schools for the period covered by their grant. Although citizenship is not a consideration, applicants must be participating in activities in the US and plan to enroll in an accredited program in the US in order to qualify. The maximum grant is \$10,000 and may be considerably smaller depending on the applicant's circumstances and the funding available. All the funds come from individual donors and there are 25-30 grants awarded each year. Grants are for one year although students may re-apply for subsequent years.

Applications and the supporting documents -- transcripts, a personal statement, two letters of recommendation, a photograph, financial aid reports -- must be postmarked by April 1, 2012. Those selected to receive a grant will be notified in July.

Boren Fellowships

Boren Fellowships provide up to \$30,000 to U.S. graduate students to add an important international

and language component to their graduate education through specialization in area study, language study, or increased language proficiency. Boren Fellowships support study and research in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. For a complete list of countries, [click here](#).

Boren Fellows represent a variety of academic and professional disciplines, but all are interested in studying less commonly taught languages, including but not limited to Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Swahili. For a complete list of languages, [click here](#). Boren Fellowships are funded by the National Security Education Program (NSEP), which focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security. Applicants should identify how their projects, as well as their future academic and career goals, will contribute to U.S. national security, broadly defined. NSEP draws on a broad definition of national security, recognizing that the scope of national security has expanded to include not only the traditional concerns of protecting and promoting American well-being, but also the challenges of global society, including sustainable development, environmental degradation, global disease and hunger, population growth and migration, and economic

[Asia Pacific Leadership Program Fellowship](#)

The APLP is a nine-month program (mid-August to mid-May) that begins with a four-and-a-half-month

period spent living and working within a diverse international community at the East-West Center in Honolulu (August to December). During this period, activities include workshops, discussion seminars, outdoor challenges, lectures, simulations, field exercises, independent work, and online activities. Joining the program each year are over 50 world-class guests who deliver specific areas of program content and provide mentorship.

In the program's second phase (January to May), participants activate and further develop the first term's learning by engaging in a range of flexible, customized activities. These activities include: continuing or new employment, graduate coursework at the University of Hawai'i, applied leadership projects, or extended field studies in Asia or the Pacific. In all cases, the program continues through online and/or face-to-face meetings. A capstone reunion is held at graduation in Honolulu in May.

Root-Tilden-Kern Public Interest Scholarships

The 40 participants selected each year have strong leadership experience or exhibit high leadership potential. All participants have at least a bachelor's degree and most have a master's degree. APLP participants come from virtually all Asia Pacific countries and a tremendous range of professional backgrounds (for example, science, business, development, politics, government, civil society, medicine, religious orders, art, finance, academia, and research). The age of participants ranges from mid-20s to mid-40s, with an average age of 32. Peer learning between participants and alumni is a centerpiece of program design.

The RTK is a scholarship program for law students who are committed to pursuing public interest work after graduation. Each year, the program selects 20 Scholars on the basis of commitment to public service work, leadership potential, and academic excellence. In return for a ten-year commitment to public service, Scholars receive full tuition for all three years of law school, as well as an orientation, mentoring, and networking opportunities.

The RTK has a broad definition of public interest work. Graduates have gone on to a range of careers, including civil rights, community development, criminal justice, government and politics (at the federal, state, and local levels), international human rights, direct legal services, public policy, and social entrepreneurship.

[Campus Kiva](#) | **Kiva | Start a Chapter!**

Kiva is a non-profit organization with a mission to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty. Leveraging the internet and a worldwide network of microfinance institutions, Kiva lets individuals lend as little as \$25 to help create opportunity around the world. Learn more, and start a chapter on your campus by [clicking here!](#)

[Action Alliance](#) | **Campus Progress | Grant Program and Partnership Opportunities**

Through the Action Alliance program Campus Progress promotes progressive ideas and actions that create more just and equitable communities through the strategic development of youth-led local and state

wide organizations and campaigns. These campaigns cover a wide range of issue areas from protecting immigrant rights to creating LGBTQ resource centers. The Action Alliances consist of small grants and/or help in planning and executing a campaign. You can receive support for your campaign by applying for one or both of the following:

- [Organizing Grants](#): You will receive a grant of up to \$1,500 a year to help with websites, flyers or whatever else you might need to make your campaign a success. Organizing Grant applications are accepted year round.
- [Progressive Partnerships](#): An experienced Campus Progress organizer will work with you to develop your campaign plan, offer guidance and training and help connect you to other activists in your community. The deadline for Progressive Partnership applications is October 2, 2011.

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