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WHAT'S GOING ON

Dear << Test First Name >>,

We hope this email finds you well.

This year, we're making a few changes to our programs and the way we're communicating with our alumni, Fellows, and partners. Instead of receiving monthly e-mail updates about YP4 programming, we are working to streamline our communications so that you receive updates based on the information you request. As we transition to our new data management system, you will have the opportunity to receive quarterly newsletters from YP4, career center updates with resources to sustain your presence in the progressive movement, action alerts from our counterpart People for the American Way's YP4 Action about key issues impacting young people today, and opportunities for alumni engagement and continued leadership development.

Over the next month YP4 staff and alumni will be hard at work conducting exit interviews to close out the 2012-2013 Fellowship class. As we speak with the individual Fellows about their experiences in the program, we can't help but feel inspired by their continued commitment and dedication to the organization and to the broader progressive movement.

As each class transitions into the alumni network, we are reminded that this work is about shaping our movement and then making space for new leadership. Therefore we are excited to announce our [2013-2014 Fellowship class!](#) Comprised of 150 dynamic and diverse leaders from over 120 campuses in 33

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This month's featured Fellow is **Beatriz De La Espriella, a 2012 Fellow**, studying at the University of Miami.

Beatriz recently graduated from the University of Florida majoring in Criminology. For the last two years she has been a leader of the student organization CHISPAS, which focuses on addressing the pressing needs of the immigrant community through advocacy and service. She is the North Florida Steering Committee Representative of the Florida Immigrant Youth Network. As part of CHISPAS, she started a campaign called **Undocumented Not**

states, we are excited to welcome a new cohort of young progressives to the YP4 family. We hope that you will take a moment to give them a [YP4 welcome](#).

These Fellows will receive hands-on guidance to develop and implement self-designed "Blueprints for Social Justice," which serve as action plans for Fellows to initiate change on their campuses and in their communities. The Blueprints provide a framework for planning and executing meaningful social justice work. We offer resources, guidance and a wide variety of ongoing opportunities for young leaders to connect with other progressive leaders and organizations, plan and execute projects of their choosing, and learn valuable leadership, communication, collaboration and advocacy skills.

The new Fellows will be introduced to YP4 through four regional trainings across the country: **New York City (June 13-16)**, **Chicago (June 27-30)**, **Los Angeles (July 11-14)**, and **New Orleans (August 1-4)**. In each city we'll be hosting opening receptions to welcome the new Fellows to the YP4 family, and we'd love for you to join us! **If you can make it, please [RSVP today](#)**. We hope to see you there!

Finally, last month Matt Gravatt joined the YP4 team as the Advanced Leadership Coordinator. **In this position Matt has jumped right into coordinating YP4's advanced leadership programming, including the Front Line Leaders Academy.** Please take a moment to [welcome him to the team!](#)

All the best,



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P.S. Thanks again to all the alumni and partners who helped us review applications, interview, and select the newest Fellowship

Uneducated, which asked the university to affect policy change and openly accept undocumented students to the University.

[\[Click the link to read more about Beatriz\]](#)

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Alumni in Action:

Congratulations to **2010** Fellow **Naomi Ashan** and **2011** fellow **Diego Soto** for their Law school acceptances for this fall.

Congratulations to **2012** Fellow, **Whitney Jenkins**, who was named the 2013 Outstanding Graduate for the Africana Studies Program at CSU Fresno

class. Our work would not be possible without you! There are a number of ways to engage with the new fellows this year, so if you're interested in serving as a mentor, trainer, or in some other capacity please contact [Paloma Ibañez](#) in our Advanced Leadership & Alumni department.



As we gear up to train our newest cohort of emerging leaders—the 2013-2014 Fellowship Class —our 2012 Fellows continue to create change in their communities via their Blueprints for Social Justice. Washington, D.C.-based **Jairus Nytes** has just incorporated his non-profit, Creating Survivors, which uses advocacy, counseling, and training to increase young people's access to licensed psychotherapists and, in turn, to reduce the rate of teen suicide. **Maribel Hermosillo** is using [documentary film making](#) to create awareness around the School to Prison Pipeline and to tell the stories of those impacted by the high incarceration rates of communities of color in her community in



San Antonio, TX. Fellows **Andrea Headley** and **Laura Facundo** are creating access to higher education among traditionally marginalized youth in Miami, FL through a school-readiness and mentorship program.

These are just a few of the many Fellows and alumni who are doing similarly high-impact, transformative work in their communities across the country through their YP4 Fellowships. Keep your eyes out for a full overview of their class's Blueprints in our 2012-2013 Fellowship Yearbook later this month!

Congratulations to **Molly Schneider, 2010** Fellow, on receiving the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Scholarship, a full-tuition scholarship to Washington University in St. Louis.

Congratulations to **Sandra Guzman, 2012** Fellow, on receiving the Woodrow Wilson Pickering Fellowship.

Congratulations to **2011** Fellow, **Shantrice King**, on receiving the Fulbright scholarship to France.

Congratulations to **Valerie Jameson, 2011** Fellow who won her election for Academic Affairs Vice President at University of California Berkeley.

Congratulations to **2011** Fellow, **Klein Lieu** for accepting a job with Constant Contact and to **2012** Fellow, **Andy Albright**, for this placement in the Coro Fellows Program in New York City.

So proud to see **Felipe Sousa-Rodriguez, 2007** Fellow, featured as one of the [Advocate's 40 under 40](#) for his transformational work on LGBTQ and immigrant issues.

Congratulations to **2012** Fellow, **Jennifer Rubio**, for her acceptance

We are building the future...now!



Each year, Young People For makes a significant investment in empowering and training young leaders from across the nation to be agents of progressive change in their communities. This critical work depends on the generous support of our alumni and friends.

[Will you invest in building the new generation of progressive leaders?](#) We're counting on your support!

This year alone, YP4 has 150 Fellows from 120 campuses (a new record!) and 33 states. Please help support our investment in these incredible young leaders by [making a contribution today](#).

By the Numbers:

This recruitment cycle, **139** alumni nominated **386** potential Fellows

65 Alumni served as mentors to 2012-2013 Fellows

6 YP4 Staff attended **6** national conferences and met with **196** potential Fellows

78 new Blueprints for Social Justice will be implemented in communities across the country

We received over **100** applications from an incredible group of applicants for the 2013 Front Line Leaders Academy program

Our **2013-2014** Fellowship class is comprised of **150** dynamic and diverse leaders from **120** campuses in **33** states

into Columbia University, School of Social Work.

Congratulations to **Hilary Neff**, **2012** Fellow for her placement with the Creativity and Leadership Fellowship to work on Mountain Garden Initiative.

We will be sending out the 2013 YP4 Alumni Survey soon and encourage every alumni to take a moment to complete it. This survey is an incredible resource for our team and has a tremendous impact on our ability to strengthen and improve our programs. Further, the alumni survey better allows us to capture key data about our impact and about the amazing projects and awesome success of YP4 Alumni. Do your part and help us out by completing this important survey when it arrives.

NEED A JOB?



As alumni, we encourage you to take advantage of the Career Center, as well as other training and resources available on our website. Please sign up to receive

our Career Center Newsletter and be on the look-out for exciting changes and additions to the resources we feature in the coming months. You may sign up by [clicking here!](#)

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