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WHAT'S GOING ON

Dear [[First_Name]],

Today is Election Day in numerous states across the country, and many of you will have the opportunity to vote for local and statewide offices that have critical impact on our issues. If you are registered to vote or live in a state with same-day registration, be sure to get out to the polls and vote! For more information about your state's elections and voting requirements, please visit [Rock The Vote's Election Center](#).

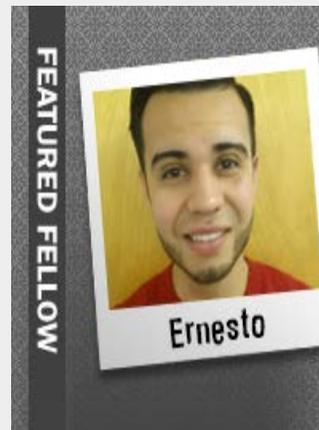
As current and former youth leaders, you know how much is at stake for young people in every election. Not only is it important that youth – who are regularly left out of the political process – have their voices heard at the ballot box, [studies show](#) that voting becomes a habit when it is easily accessible. This results in the increased civic participation of our communities, allowing us to effectively change society for the better beyond elections. While every individual vote is powerful, imagine the impact we can have when we vote as a community.

Through YP4, we now have a network of 1,300 activists fighting for children in the foster care system, helping parents be active in their children's lives, and educating queer youth and women of color about their health choices, among many other progressive pursuits. It is through civic engagement and vote work that we ultimately reach our long-term goal of diversifying the leadership landscape of this country. By being civically engaged, we can elect officials who understand our needs, better defend fairness and equality in our communities, and become thought leaders in the progressive movement. All of this moves society in a decidedly more progressive direction.

While these emerging leaders are already playing a valuable role today, our youth leadership programs are designed with the ultimate goal of producing an enduring pipeline of progressive, well-prepared national and world-class leaders. This is why we're excited to introduce the newest members of the Young People For team,

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Congratulations to **Ernesto Villaseñor** on being our Featured Fellow for November 2013! Hailing from Compton, CA, Ernesto is a student and research assistant at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), where he has focused on issues of social and environmental injustice in inner city communities. Read his full interview [here!](#)

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Advocacy Associate **Gabriela De Golia** and Advanced Leadership Coordinator **Anthony Stevens**, who will help carry our civic engagement and advanced leadership work forward. Read more about our new team members [here](#), and join us in offering them a warm welcome to the YP4 family!

Warmly,



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P.S. If you are not registered to vote or need to update your registration information, we encourage you to take a moment to do so today through [Rock The Vote](#).



Program Updates

The entire YP4 team would like to thank our Alumni for being such an essential part of the effort to support great Fellows and make social justice change a reality in our communities. As a token of our appreciation, you can enter to **win a trip to attend our National Summit, January 17-20th, 2014 in Washington, DC** by completing the [YP4 alumni survey](#)! This will also help us better support your development and work. Travel, lodging, and most meals are included. Please complete the survey and enter to win by 11:59pm PST, November 17th, 2013.



February marks the deadline for the [YP4 Fellowship application](#), so be sure to encourage potential Fellows to apply soon. Also, please [nominate someone](#) for the 2014-2015 Fellowship Class today. We look forward to reviewing the many impressive applications we will be receiving, and please keep a look out for ways to become part of this year's selection process.

YP4 staffers have completed numerous recruitment trips over the

Alumni in Action:

Congratulations to 2007 Fellow **Sacha Siskonen**, who is teaching a 'Slam Poetry, Art and Activism' class at Northern Arizona University and working at Goodwill Industries' Job Connection through the AmeriCorps program.

Congratulations to 2010 Fellow **Athena Salman**, who helped build a monthly Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) program called "Girl Scout in Flagstaff", where girls from the city's most diverse schools are invited to participate.

Congratulations to 2012 Fellow **Lena Khader** for launching her Blueprint [Making HERStory](#) a youth empowerment group for high school womyn and allies to discuss feminism, social issues, and their rich histories and personal narratives.

Congratulations to 2012 Fellow **Jenny Tang**, for her new position with the Antenna Group.

Congratulations to 2008 Fellow **Matthew Segal**, who spoke on MSNBC on September 27 to discuss health care and more.

Congratulations to 2010 Fellow **Mayra Hidalgo Salazar** on her full ride to Sarah Lawrence College.

Congratulations to 2011 Fellow **Erik Lampmann**, whose research on equity and opportunity was recently [published](#).

Congratulations to 2011 **Amanda Matos** for launching her Blueprint Project [WomanHOOD](#) at a new partner school, and for being a Peace First Prize finalist.



past few weeks in FL, NC, NM, and AZ to find potential YP4 Fellowship candidates. If you'd like to support YP4's recruitment efforts by promoting YP4 on your campus or in your community, please contact [Andrew](#) to learn how.

This year we revamped our mentorship program, including Fellows' Blueprint for Social Justice and Individual Leadership Development Plans. The [2013-2014 Fellows](#) are currently working diligently with mentors from our alumni and partner network to pursue both in anticipation of our 10th annual National Summit in DC from January 17-20th. If you're interested in being involved with the National Summit this year or as a mentor next year, contact [Paloma](#).



YP4 Fellows are using their skills to counter big money in politics. On October 15th, YP4 Fellow **Brendien Mitchell** spoke at a PFAW Rally at the Supreme Court on the McCutcheon v. FEC case, which could drastically increase the amount of money in politics and damage our democracy in the process. YP4 Fellow **Ernesto Villasenor** also met with NY State Senator Neil Breslin to talk about money in elections issues in NY. Please be sure to read Gabriela's recent [blog post](#) for more information about how money in politics is a youth issue.



YP4 is preparing to launch its major 2014 VOTE Program, through which YP4 Fellows and alumni will engage thousands of voters and volunteers across the country to turn out the youth vote. Such efforts have already begun today with YP4 staffers and Fellows making non-



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!](#)

We're always looking for new jobs! Please [send us](#) local job boards, listservs, and job descriptions.

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 152 Fellows from 110 campuses and 33 states. Please help support our investment in these incredible young leaders by [making a contribution today](#).

By the Numbers:

107 nominations from Fellows, Alumni, and

partisan get-out-the-vote calls to Virginia students. Our VOTE work is going to be critical throughout the coming year, especially given widespread attacks on voter rights occurring across the country. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact [Gabriela](#).



From October 11-13th, the Front Line Leaders Academy held its second learning circle to teach attendees about Campaign Field and Finance tactics. The 18 Fellows were trained by faculty and FLLA alums **Jon Hoadley** '06 and **Valeria Carranza** '12, along with the Honorable **Alan Brock**. They are currently working on their third campaign assignment and getting matched with mentors. We will continue to help them develop winning campaign strategies over the coming months.

[The Greenlining Institute Academy](#) accepting applications for its social justice programs, such as the Legal and Policy and the Health Equity Fellowship programs. The earliest application deadline is January 16, 2014.

Harvard Kennedy School of Government is accepting applications for its [Public Policy and Leadership Conference](#), designed to inform students about careers in the public sector. The application deadline is November 15

Partners have already been received for the 2014-2015 Fellowship class. Many thanks to those who have nominated persons of interest to apply for YP4 – please keep them coming!

90 mentors from our alumni network and YP4 partners of YP4 are supporting the 2013-2014 Fellows on their ILDPs and Blueprints for Social Justice.

YP4 staff, alums, and the Alumni Board developed **7 new pieces of curriculum** to help Fellows dive into the core competencies for their Approaches to Social Change.

4 YP4 Alums are current FLLA Fellows, learning the necessary skills and tactics to run successful campaigns and potentially for office.

Over 20 Alumni and partners are preparing to complete a Training of Trainers session over Veterans Day weekend for the 2014 National Summit.

4 YP4 Staff, Fellows, and Alumni trained attendees at this year's Power Shift conference in Pittsburg, PA, on critical environmental justice topics.

1 YP4 staffer and 5 YP4 Fellows attended the Strong Families Realizing A Dream (RAD) Youth Summit in Albuquerque, NM.

1 YP4 staffer and attended Rockwood Leadership Institute's Art of Leadership for Women in Racial Justice and Human Rights conference.

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