

YOUNG PEOPLE FOR

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

Dear << Test First Name >>>,

We have so much to be proud of.

It has been an productive, inspiring, exhausting month for all of us, and we end this election cycle prouder than ever of the work of Fellows and alums. The success of Fellows' GOTV efforts have been overwhelming for those of us seeing the photos and hearing the updates from the YP4 office. A few of our YP4 staff members have even been able to witness this work in person on campuses across the country. Despite the fact that [nearly 85%](#) of young people were not reached out to by either campaign, we know from those of you on the ground that **young people were taking initiative to organize themselves.**

Here's a snapshot of events that happened in the past few weeks:

At Pitzer College in California, YP4 Fellows organized an [ARRIVE WITH 5](#) Caravan to the polls – providing electric go-cart rides from campus to the polling station. At Oberlin College in Ohio, student leaders held voter information events, phone banks, and dorm storms. At

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This month's featured Fellow is **Mahmoud Sarhan, a 2012 Fellow & 2012 Vote Organizer**, studying at George Mason University. [\[Click the link to read more about Mahmoud\]](#)

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the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, they sang to get out the vote. Local bands and a cappella groups performed everything from jazz to techno while attendees got excited about making their voices heard on Election Day. And these are just a few of the events Fellows organized this year, collectively reaching thousands of students through their efforts. **On campuses across the country, YP4 Fellows turned out the vote.**

People For the American Way Foundation was founded more than three decades ago with a vision of a vibrantly diverse democratic society in which all Americans are encouraged to participate in our nation's civic and political life. The hard work of Young People For's Fellows this election cycle brought that vision to life.

**But our work doesn't end on November 6<sup>th</sup>.** The important progressive issues you organize around in your community – the reasons you spend your limited free time planning events, writing articles or, this week, voting – are not over when the ballots are counted. And our efforts can't be, either.

Whether through [financial support](#), organizing efforts, or [spreading the word](#) to your networks about the work of Young People For, we hope we can count on you to continue to be engaged in the work of supporting the next generation of progressive leaders.

This work is about voting, but it's also about so much more. It's about creating the America that we want to live in for years to come. We hope you will continue to support the next generation of progressive leaders in



If you 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 the Regional Trainings from over 80 campuses and 32 states.

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

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

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creating that America

All the best,



Director

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### BLUEPRINTS IN ACTION



Mahmoud is currently a senior at George Mason University pursuing a degree in Government and International Politics. He is a first generation Palestinian American born in Brooklyn and moved to Virginia as a child. Mahmoud's hobbies include playing intramural football and basketball and weight lifting. Other than playing and watching sports, he balances the rest of his free time between friends and family. Mahmoud is also a Civic Engagement Organizer with YP4. He successfully collected 400 [Arrive With 5](#) Cards, which translated to 2,400 voter pledges! He also registered 90 new voters and maintained a volunteer base of 25 individuals from his Fraternity and coalitions.

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### ALUMNI IN ACTION:

YP4 would like to congratulate **all our Fellows who graduated this year!**

We are so proud to have been part of the work you've done to further progressive issues in your community.

We hope that you'll stay involved with YP4 through our Alumni Network. [Please take a moment to tell us about where you're headed!](#)

Congratulations to 2006 YP4 and FLLA Alum, Kevin Killer for being re-elected as State Representative in South Dakota's 27<sup>th</sup> District.

Congratulations to State Senator Angie Buhl, (YP4 2007, FLLA 2007) for her successful re-election campaign in South Dakota's 15th District.

Congratulations to the newest members of the YEO Network, Stefanie Mach (FLLA 2011), who was elected to Arizona's State House 10th Legislative District; and Florida State Representative Joe Saunders (YP4 2005)

Congratulations go out to Georgia State Representative-Elect, LaDawn Blackett-Jones (FLLA 2010), after running unopposed in Georgia's 62<sup>nd</sup> District.

## EVENTS & TRAININGS

### YP4 National Summit



In anticipation of the 2013 National Summit, our 2012 Fellows are working diligently with their mentors to carry out their Individualized Leadership Development Plans and lay the foundation for their Blueprints for Social Justice. YP4's National Summit will take place in Washington, D.C. January 24 - 27, 2013. [Consider becoming a sponsor](#) of the Summit or supporting an individual Fellow's attendance to ensure YP4 continues to develop the next generation of progressive leaders.

Recruitment is also well under way for our 2013-2014 Fellowship Class! If you know a young person working

Congratulations to Dominick Ard'is, 2009 YP4 Alum for being elected as a representative for the Student Government Association at Florida State University

Congratulations to 2011-2012 Fellow, [Hermes Grullon](#) for being selected as a Thomas R. Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship.

Check out 2010 YP4 Alum Andrew Jenkins' [latest piece](#) in RH Reality Check on youth voter turn out.

Congrats to Erik Lampmann, 2011 YP4 Alum, who was selected as a college finalist for [The Nation's seventh annual Student Writing Contest!](#)

Congrats are in order for Sabrina Bracero, '11 Fellow & '12 Vote Organizer, who just got into [Teach For America!](#)

Congratulations to 2011 YP4 Fellows, Casey Clowes and Alexis Gonzales who are serving ASU Undergraduate Students as University Affairs Director and Student Senator!

We know our fellows continue to create change in their communities. Check out some of their accomplishments in '11

for positive social change in their community, [nominate them today](#). Then, broaden your impact by [recommending individuals](#) on campus or in your community the YP4 team can connect with to solicit even more nominations of amazing young people.

### **Alumni Board**

Applications are now open!! YP4 is looking for our 2013-2014 Alumni Board. If you are interested in actively contributing to the goals and success of YP4 you are highly encouraged to [apply now!](#) You can find the application and more information on the alumni board at the application link. For more questions please contact Paloma at [pibanez@pfaw.org](mailto:pibanez@pfaw.org)

YP4 is now accepting submissions for the **Journal for Young Progressives**, a project of Young People For. The Journal for Young Progressives is a manifestation of the insights, words, and actions of the Young People For community.

**What should I submit?** Quality entries about your work, experiences, or passions are all encouraged. Academic articles, reflective or motivational stories, poems, art, and other types of submissions are all welcome.

**Who Can Submit?** All members of the YP4 Family. This includes current fellows in all YP4 and affiliated programs and alumni.

**How Do I Submit?** Submit items to [YP4Journal@gmail.com](mailto:YP4Journal@gmail.com) by December 15, 2012.

### **YP4 Book Club**

The 2010 YP4 North Fellowship group has taken the initiative to start a virtual book club where avid readers/thinkers can discuss and break down different

(<http://bit.ly/KQvcK9>) & '12

(<http://bit.ly/KIKGbM>)!

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

**NEED A JOB?**



*Like our job listings? Want more? [Join our jobs listserv!](#)*

YP4 is still offering **1-on-1 Career Coaching** to our alumni. If you've just graduated and are in the midst of job searching, or looking for basic career advice spend some time with Alyssa Best and talk about your professional plans. [Sign up online](#).

**AFCME, [Spanish-Speaking Organizer-in-Training](#), DC**

**Amnesty International, [Prospect Research Manager](#), NY**

**Brooke Charter Schools, [Chief Development Officer](#), MA**

**Center for Community Change, [Senior Administrative Coordinator](#),**

theories, conversations and concepts within amazing literature! This virtual space has been created to have folks discuss reading, while emphasizing on the different perspectives folks can gather from different reads. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet our young amazing thinkers, seeing what books they're getting into during their growing process, and creating a passion for reading and critical analysis. Read more, learn more, change the world! **Sign up via [yp4bookclub@gmail.com](mailto:yp4bookclub@gmail.com)**! We'll add you to the group for monthly virtual meetings, as well as discussions around certain reads/sources! September and October's book is Pedagogy of the Oppressed by Paulo Freire, so start reading now!

#### **YP4 Career Coaching**

Are you struggling to figure out what to do next in your career? Are you curious about how to turn your passion into a fulfilling career? Are you looking for advice on how to take your career to the next level? If so, YP4 has your back!

Through YP4's Career Coaching program, alumni will meet one-on-one with a Career Coach to discuss potential barriers, opportunities for growth, and to help chart a path to career fulfillment. **If you are interested, sign up [here](#).**

As a leadership development program we understand the importance of attending conferences and skills trainings to better hone your leadership skills. Funding is limited and available on a first come, first serve, basis. Because funding is limited 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!

**DC**

**Change.org**, [Chief Operating Officer](#), CA, NY, DC

**Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program**, [Assistant Director](#), MA

**Common Cause**, [Student Fellow](#), FL, PA, MI, NM, NY, NC

**Equal Justice USA**, [Director of Finance and Administration](#), NY

**The Feminist Majority Foundation**, [Organizer](#), FL

**Internews**, [Director of Global Internet Policy Program](#), DC

**Lambda Legal**, [Senior Staff Attorney or Staff Attorney](#), NY or TX

**National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare**, [Membership Associate](#), DC

**National Council of La Raza**, [Client Relations Administrator](#), DC

**National Guard Youth Foundation**, [Director of Development](#), VA

**Planned Parenthood**, [National Director, Brand Management](#), DC

**Sierra Club**, [Deputy National](#)

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Join [Teach For America](#), the national corps of outstanding recent college graduates and professionals—of all majors, backgrounds, and career interests—who commit to teach for two years in urban and rural low-income communities and become lifelong leaders in expanding educational opportunity. **[APPLY NOW](#)** to the 2013 Teach For America corps. Deadline: **Friday, January 11, 2013**. If you're interested in learning more, find out [who we look for](#) and learn about [your potential to change lives](#).

[Echoing Green's](#) premier program is its highly competitive global [Fellowship](#), which provides more than \$2 million in seed support to a diverse group of emerging social entrepreneurs every year. From thousands of applicants, typically fewer than one percent are ultimately selected to receive up to \$90,000 over two years to support the launch of their new organizations. Application opens in December.

[The Institute for Responsible Citizenship](#) is now accepting applications for 2013. The Institute is a two-summer leadership program for high-achieving black male college sophomores. Students receive high-level internships, participate in rigorous academic seminars, and meet influential leaders. Contact John Saunders at [jsaunders@i4rc.org](mailto:jsaunders@i4rc.org)

The [Open Society Fellowship for Black Male Achievement](#), powered by Echoing Green, invests in

[Program Director, CA](#)

**State Voices**, [Director of Data and Targeting](#), Detroit or DC

**Transgender Law Center**, [Leadership Summit Coordinator](#), CA

**United for a Fair Economy**, [Popular Economics Education Translation and Research Assistant](#), MA

**Urban Habitat**, [Development Coordinator](#), CA

**Washington DC Public Schools**, [Medicaid Analyst](#), DC

**Washington DC Public Charter Schools Board**, [Quality and Accountability Specialist](#), DC

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emerging leaders committed to generating new ideas and best practices for the field of black male achievement. The BMA Fellowship is being led as a partnership between the Open Society Foundations and Echoing Green.

[Point Foundation](#), established in 2001, was initially funded by a grant from Bruce C. Lindstrom & Carl T. Strickland. Point Foundation is what it is today—the premier national LGBTQ non-profit organization designed to nurture the LGBTQ leaders of the next generation – because of the generous support of others. Point Foundation empowers promising LGBTQ students to achieve their full academic and leadership potential – despite the obstacles often put before them – to make a significant impact on society. Application is due on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

[The Lax Scholarship Fund](#) was established in 1994 by the late entrepreneur and inventor Jonathan R. Lax for the purpose of encouraging gay men to obtain additional education; aspiring to positions in which they contribute to society; being out about their sexual orientation; and acting as role models for other gay men with similar potential.

Attention dog lovers, change-makers, big thinkers, rescues, shelters and animal welfare organizations! Do you have an innovative idea that will reduce dog overpopulation, provide shelter or care for dogs in need? [Rose from BarkBox](#) wants to let you know how you can win \$10,000 to make that idea a reality.

[The Media Ideation Fellowship](#) is an investment in a

new generation of social entrepreneurs. Fellows will receive financial resources and mentoring to help bring an early stage idea to life. The Media Ideation Fellowship SM is an opportunity for young innovators to test assumptions, research target audiences, and build strong business plans.

**Resource Generation Fellowship Program** is excited to announce the launch of their third class. They are a tight team of staff and leaders, and as a Fellow you will get to learn and work intimately with all our major program areas. You will be supported one-on-one by a staff member to develop your skills and knowledge of Resource Generation, the world of social change philanthropy, donor organizing, and non-profit management.

**The Torchlight Prize** was established by the Family Independence Initiative to recognize and reward groups of families, friends, or community members that have self-organized to strengthen their communities or neighborhoods.

The **TED Fellows** program brings young innovators from around the world into the TED community in order to amplify the impact of their projects and activities. Learn what the Fellows program is all about and [apply now!](#)

### **Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College- YP4 Scholarships**

In conjunction with its newly established partnership with Carnegie Mellon University's H. John Heinz III College, YP4 is proud to announce the creation of the *Heinz College-YP4 Scholarship*. Beginning in 2011, Heinz

College will award the scholarship to incoming students in the Master of Science in Public Policy and Management (MSPPM) program who have been YP4 Fellows. The award will be made at the time of admission (no separate application is necessary) and the student will receive at least \$6,000 per semester – most will receive more. To be considered, applicants should indicate their involvement with YP4 on the application for admission.

### **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.

**George Mason Center for Social Entrepreneurship**

GMU's Center for Social Entrepreneurship's mission is to launch leaders of social ventures with a focus on undergraduates, graduates, or recent alumni. The center engages faculty and established entrepreneurs and leaders from all sectors in their work, but the success of that engagement, ultimately, is measured by its impact on inspiring, informing and incubating the next generation of social entrepreneurs.

### **[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.

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