

International Youth Leadership Institute

Travel is the best education



History, Culture, Geography, Environment



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Who we are

MISSION: The mission of the International Youth Leadership Institute is to nurture a new generation of visionary leaders from the African Diaspora who, inspired by their rich African heritage, are committed to leave a legacy in the world.

Community Service & Development Program. Students plan and implement a project that addresses a community need or issue.

Seminars and workshops. Students identify and discuss community and international issues with their peers and interact with a variety of local and national experts. Leadership workshops build college and career readiness, service learning, communication, planning and other skills. Students learn and apply an analytical framework based on history, culture, geography and environment. Participation in at least 7 seminars is mandatory to be in good standing.



Students' service, communications training, seminar participation, leadership development and international study experience provide a competitive advantage in applying to college.

Mentorships, seminars, literacy and language acquisition, cross-cultural training and other experiences provide students with skills for effective leadership and academic and career development.



International travel and study programs. IYLI has conducted academic and leadership programs in 17 Caribbean, Latin American and African countries. Programs incorporate a college-level curriculum focusing on a theme (immigration, renewable energy, government, health, environment), meetings with government and non-government organizations, research, language classes, community service. Students conduct follow-up to inform and educate others about their experiences.

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School Partnership Program. IYLI works with middle schools to help students to learn and practice critical thinking skills by examining how their family, and community are affected by and connected to broader global contexts, challenges and issues.

Impact

More than 99% of IYLI Fellows have graduated from high school.

IYLI has...

- Provided travel and academic scholarships to more than 300 students.

- Helped incubate other New York City organizations, including Nah We Yone & Brotherhood/ SisterSol.



- Become the model for the DeWitt Wallace Youth Travel Enrichment Program, a multi-million dollar initiative to expand opportunities for international travel.



IYLI Alumni have...

- Enrolled in more than 50 postsecondary institutions in 14 states and the District of Columbia, including a number of Ivy League institutions

- Been the recipients of numerous scholarships including Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, Fulbright, and Thomas Watson Fellowship

- At a rate of 98%, gone on to attend postsecondary institutions. A recent survey revealed that more than a third of all alumni had completed a Bachelor's degree or higher or were currently enrolled in a graduate program. Nearly half entered careers in education, health, public service, law, youth development, community development and international affairs.



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Student Quotes

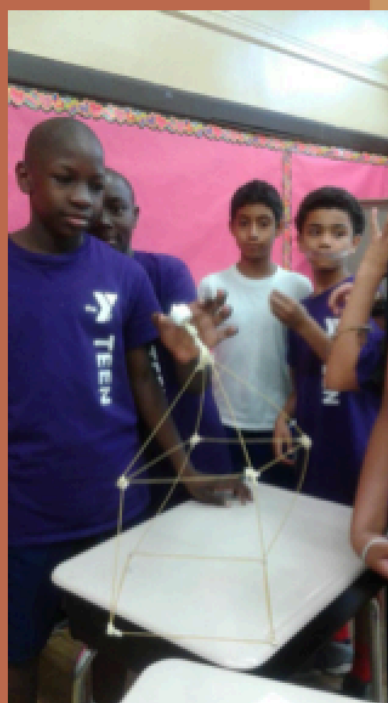
When I watch the events taking place in Tahrir Square, in Cairo, Egypt, I remember that I was actually there!

IYLI has supported my continued growth both mentally, spiritually, and intellectually.

IYLI has helped me recognize the importance of being on time, of being responsible.

IYLI really prepared me for college. I learned to take notes and how to frame a point of view.

IYLI is an academic program but it is much better than school. We meet students with different perspectives. We learn about issues that we are interested in.



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