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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Back to school!

Summer is coming to an end and YP4 Fellows are gearing up for an exciting fall semester. It's been a busy summer, with internships at progressive organizations, academic programs at institutions near and far, leadership training academies, conferences around the country and community-based work right at home. Fellows have also been hard at work developing campus campaign strategies, building coalitions and finalizing work plans in preparation for the launch of Blueprints this fall.

Summer ISP Program Ends



Congratulations to Fellows who just completed their Summer Internships through our Intern Scholarship Program. This summer, 10 Fellows were awarded scholarships to work in organizations across the country in the political, non-profit, and business sectors. In addition to financial assistance, recipients completed a professional development course during their internships. If you weren't able to participate in the course, the curriculum and tip sheets are available online at the [Career Center](#), and you can read more on the YP4 Blog.

Steering Committee

Young People For is pleased to announce the 2006-2007 Steering

FEATURED FELLOW



Fred Wong, 2006 YP4 Fellow from New York University, recently visited New Orleans. Undertaking tasks like scraping paint off the ceilings of damaged homes, his experience there is prompting him to question the role of government and charities in the recovery and rebuilding process.

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Events

A Seat at the Table: Socioeconomic Diversity and Access to Selective Colleges and Universities

The Roosevelt Institution is teaming up with Yale University to host a [national conference on issues of access in higher education](#). Students and policymakers will sit on panels together and work through issues in small group sessions. Roosevelt

Committee. These Fellows applied and were chosen because of their leadership, engagement in the program and commitment to social justice. Like all of our Fellows, they personify the leadership necessary to build lasting social change for this and future generations.

The Steering Committee will assist YP4 in key decision making, ensuring that YP4 remains a Fellow-driven project. The YP4 staff is always available to Fellows for any needs, concerns or ideas they may have, but we encourage Fellows to also share these thoughts with members of the Committee. They represent the fellowship and will frequently be asked by the staff for their feedback. Fellows, stay tuned for the opportunity to vote for Chair of the Committee.

We would like to thank the following members in advance for their service, commitment and excellence. Congratulations to:

[Manisha Bhalesha](#)

[Morgan Corr](#)

[Crystallee Crain](#)

[Alex Flores](#)

[Tamara Joachim](#)

[Colin Koffel](#)

[Kevin Killer](#)

[Morgan Lucas](#)

[Tanya Mels](#)

[Kamaria Moir](#)

[Bella Ann Ndubuisi](#)

[Arjuna Sayyed](#)

[Ben Wells](#)

[Mallory Wells](#)

[Fred Wong](#)

[Jesse Wolfson](#)

—The Team at Young People For:

Iara, Sarah, Shaunna, Rachel, Shawn, Jessie, Robert, Jessyca, Jennifer and Kelly



Fellows are encouraged to submit research for consideration. [Click here to get involved!](#)

First-Ever Not In Our Town Gathering

Bringing anti-hate organizers together to share stories and create new strategies

Ten years ago, one town took a stand against hate and violence. Hundreds of communities followed with their own actions and a movement took shape.

Please join us for the first-ever [Not In Our Town National Gathering](#),

October 6-8, 2006, in Bloomington, Illinois.

Tell 5 Friends

As Young People For creates a strong, diverse and intergenerational progressive network, we encourage you to let others know about what we're doing!

[Tell 5 Friends](#)

Best of the Blog

An excerpt from a August 4 entry, courtesy of the YP4 Blog Team:

Arabic Translator Dismissed for Being Gay

More than 11,000 people have been dismissed due to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, with 726 people just last year, an 11 percent increase since 2004. While the General Accountability Office indicates that this is less than half a percent of people dismissed for all reasons

We need your help to identify emerging activists, leaders and social and political entrepreneurs in whom you think we should make a long-term investment.

For all students selected, we will provide capacity building and financial support, access to our network of over 275 Fellows and established leaders in the progressive movement. We also provide one-on-one professional development, trainings on organizing, mentorship opportunities and more, ensuring that each Fellow is prepared for a life-long role in the progressive movement. All Fellows receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the annual Young People For Summit to kick-off their fellowship year. Please submit your nominations at the [YP4 web site](#).



since the policy went into effect, they also noted that almost 800 of the dismissed gay and lesbian service members had critical skills.

[Read more](#)

Job Opportunities

YP4 Fall Internships

Young People For is offering full-time and part-time internships in New York City. Stipends may be available, but most internships are unpaid. Young People For will work with interns to arrange academic credit.

[Learn More](#)

Minnesota State University Mankato

The Fellows at Minnesota State University at Mankato, [Jenna Covey](#), [Dylan Whitney](#), and [Kelly Nygaard](#), have recently started building a progressive website for all of southeastern Minnesota. The website will serve as a one-stop resource for local progressives to find out about upcoming events and forums and will provide a space for dialogue about issues affecting the community. The site will also feature the work of local writers.

Jenna, Dylan, and Kelly plan to have the site up and running by the fall. For now, check out their [MySpace page](#).



[Maggie Abrego](#): '05 Fellow—Hunter College, SUNY

Scholarships

Fall Intern Scholarship Program

The YP4 Career Center is launching its new application for fall internships through our Intern Scholarship Program. Download your application now by visiting our [Career Center](#).

For more information on the fall Intern Scholarship Program please email Robert Mayer (rmayer@pfaw.org), our Leadership Development Associate with questions or requests for assistance finding placement in your community.

HBCU Study Abroad Scholarships

IES is committed to providing opportunities for students of color who have been traditionally under-represented on study abroad programs. As part of this effort, special scholarships and financial aid are available and they encourage all

Just last month, we were telling you about Maggie's accomplishment in landing a job through the [YP4 Career Center](#). Well this month we have reason to praise her again due to her most recent press hit in *The New York Daily News*. In an article entitled "[When Plan A fails...](#)", Maggie is featured in a personal and informative article on contraception and the controversial morning-after pill. Maggie's article focuses on the need for young women to have access to a "Plan B" if their usual method of contraception fails.



students who qualify to apply for this assistance. A guaranteed \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded as follows: \$1,500 credit toward the IES program fee; PLUS \$500 toward the purchase of an overseas airline ticket for the IES program (upon receipt of a valid, overseas airline ticket receipt).

[Learn More](#)

New Policy!

If we include your press clip or accomplishments in our next newsletter, we'll send you a free YP4 T-shirt! Email us your news now!

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Why not join the YP4 group on [MySpace](#) or [Facebook](#)? Another great way to network with like-minded progressives from around the country!



The YP4 staff would like to extend our congratulations to the following Fellows on their outstanding accomplishments.

[Shawniece Swain](#), '06 Fellow at Santa Monica College, was elected President of her college's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society.

[Kim Teplitzky](#), '06 Fellow and recent graduate of Temple University, was hired as the Sierra Student Coalition's Regional Organizer for Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan!

[Taylor Wonhoff](#), '06 Fellow at Saint Martin's University, was awarded The Father Joe Toner Award for Outstanding Efforts in Student Activism.

[Deidre Young](#), '06 Fellow at Howard University, won the prestigious Executive Leadership Council 2006 Award for Excellence in Business Commentary National Essay Competition.



In this edition of [Campus Clips](#), [Elizabeth Camuti](#), '06 Fellow from Indiana University, and [Alex Flores](#), '06 Fellow from Macalester College, were featured prominently in a [July 13 insidehighered.com article](#) recounting the recent Campus Progress National Student Conference. In the piece, both Fellows emphasize the importance of civic engagement and networking within the young progressive

community. Don't miss what Camuti and Flores had to say about the conference, which drew over 1,000 student activists from around the country and leaders of prominent progressive think tanks.

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