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### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Dear YP4 Network,

The year is off to a great start!

- Our Second Annual **National Summit for Progressive Leaders and Activists** went off without a hitch. The Summit launched our new "**What Do You Stand For?**" campaign and marked the start of the **2006 Fellowship Program**. Check out pictures from the summit [here](#).
- Our **Fellowship Team** is gearing up to support the newly oriented Class of 2006 Fellows in implementing their **Blueprints for Social Justice**. [Click here](#) for the list of 2006 Fellows.
- Our **Expansion Programs** team is building out our growing **Alumni Program** for Class of 2005 Fellows, and many 2005 Fellows are eligible for our new **Senior Fellowship** opportunity. [Click here](#) to read about the Senior Fellowship.

*From the YP4 research team, here's **The Latest in Right Wing Watch On Campus...***

**Phyllis Schlafly**, founder of **Eagle Forum Collegians**, stated in a recent article that feminists are to blame for the ruination of college sports as well as bad odds for women seeking marriage. "The effects of the feminists' attack on men's sports are now coming home to roost. By the time this year's college freshmen are seniors, the ratio will be 60 percent women to 40 percent men, and women are now crying that there are not enough college-educated men to marry." [LINK](#)

**Andrew Jones**, of the newly-formed **Bruin Alumni Association**, offered money to UCLA students in exchange for audio recordings, class notes, and handouts in order to keep tabs on so-called liberal professors. Jones formerly worked for **David Horowitz**, of **Center for the Study of Popular Culture** and **Academic Bill of Rights** fame, but was subsequently fired by

- The **Education and Research Department** is continuing to monitor the Right Wing's activities on campuses, and will continue to offer **Virtual Town Hall Meetings** and **Progressive Academy Online Courses** for fellows and other members of our **YP4** network.
- The first two **YP4 Little Black Books** were rolled out at the National Summit: **Media and Message** and **Coalition Building** . Little Black Books are manuals for effective activism for students by students. Look for several more in development!
- Additionally, we launched the **Young People For AV Club** at the National Summit (look for an announcement February 15), and several other **exciting new programs** are in the works.
- Look out for a complete redesign and relaunch of [youngpeoplefor.org](http://youngpeoplefor.org) over the next few weeks!

After only one year, we've dramatically grown, and we know that we couldn't do anything that we do without you. **Thanks for your continued efforts to support young progressive leadership.**

### **-The Team at Young People For:**

*Iara, Sarah, Shaunna, Rachel, Shawn, Brian, and TJ*

Horowitz for pressuring students into giving false statements. [LINK](#)

**The Intelligent Design and Evolution Awareness Center (IDEA)** is sponsoring intelligent design discussion groups on college campuses around the country. Though their aim is to frame ID in the larger scientific context, they make no bones about their religious affiliation: "The IDEA Center says intelligent design is a scientific concept, not a religious one. But students came to the meetings with their Bibles... The IDEA Center also requires its club presidents to be Christian." [LINK](#)

**Jason Mattera**, spokesman for **Young America's Foundation** , in a column about MLK day celebrations at Duke University, blames progressives for Jim Crow laws. "The Left cannot claim a monopoly on the civil rights movement, as they usually do. If anything, it was their faith in and adulation for government that was responsible for Jim Crow laws." [LINK](#)

**Burt Prelutsky**, columnist for conservative blog **Townhall.com** , insults opponents of academic spies in the classroom at UCLA. He says that students spying on their professors is

"nifty." [LINK](#)



## SUMMIT RECAP

Thank you to everyone who helped make our **2006 National Summit for Progressive Leaders and Activists** a smashing success!

This year's class of fellows—165 outstanding college students selected from a national pool of more than 1,000 nominees—met at the headquarters of the **National Education Association** in Washington, D.C., to exchange ideas and acquire skills to create lasting change from January 13-16.

[DailyKos.com](#) founder **Markos Moulitsas** used his keynote address to encourage these emerging progressive leaders to put their ideas into action and take part in the creation of a broad, national progressive infrastructure. Check out a [TomPaine.com](#) article about Markos's speech [here](#) .

Public policy experts shared their wisdom about various political issues, and top

**Peter Schweizer**, author of **Do as I Say (Not as I Do): Profiles in Liberal Hypocrisy**, spoke 1/26 near the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities Campus about so-called “liberal hypocrisy.” The event was sponsored by **The Young America’s Foundation** and **Intellectualtakeout.com**. The two groups will be sponsoring another speaker, **Dinesh D’Souza** , the author and arch-conservative, who will be on the campus of St. John’s University in Collegeville, MN on 1/31.

**Students Fostering Conservative Thought**, a student group at St. John’s University, held their “**Annual Animal Rights Barbeque**” celebrating the advances in science through animal testing. Though the post is from September, it is noteworthy how flippant conservative “thinkers” are about animal rights. [LINK](#)

**BeliefNet.com** reports on the formation of pro-“intelligent design” clubs sponsored by the San Diego-based **Intelligent Design and Evolution Awareness Center (IDEA)** . Following the founding of the first IDEA club at the University of California at San Diego in 1999, nearly 30 public and private universities and schools

progressive organizers, many of whom are themselves young leaders, facilitated skills trainings to teach fellows about building coalitions, communicating messages, fundraising, internet organizing, and more.

At the end of the Summit, fellows from each state met to create **Blueprints for Social Justice** to guide their advocacy and activism over the next year. The hard work and commitment to progressive values of everyone who participated was truly inspiring. We look forward to working with the 2006 Fellows this year and beyond.

Read **YP4 Director Iara Peng's** [opening remarks](#) at the **2006 National Summit** .

[Don't forget to check out pictures from the 2006 Summit !](#)

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## **PRESS ROOM**

- **Young People For** and several **YP4 Fellows** were featured prominently in a cover story in [The Nation](#) about progressive campus movement building. Class of 2005 Fellows **Josh Holland**, **Andrew Garib**, and **Jenny Parker** were quoted in addition to Class of 2006 Fellow **Wayne Huang** and **YP4 Director Iara Peng**. Read

across the country, as well as in Canada, Kenya, the Philippines and the Ukraine, now have student clubs promoting intelligent design. [LINK](#)

***And lastly, a special announcement from the YP4 research team:***

**Young People For** will send two undercover agents to the **Conservative Political Activist Conference** in efforts to better grasp the dark future of the **Vast Right Wing Conspiracy**.

- **Tune in to our blog** (<http://blog.youngpeoplefor.org/ypf/index.html>) February 9th through 11th for hourly updates from inside the lion's den. Look out Grover Norquist!

*Don't forget to contact Brian at [blevine@pfaw.org](mailto:blevine@pfaw.org) with the right-wing watch from your campus!*

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**The Center for Progressive Leadership (CPL)** has launched the **New Leaders Program**, seeking to integrate diverse leaders into the progressive movement through a DC-based internship and job placement program. CPL is now looking to hire

*The New Face of the Campus Left* [here](#) .



- **YP4** was highlighted in an article in *The Temple News* at Temple University. Class of 2006 Fellows **Lauren Bedell-Stiles**, **Christine Katz**, and **Kimberly Teplitzky** were featured in the article, as was **YP4 Expansion Programs Coordinator Shaunna Thomas** . Read the article [here](#) .

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## **FELLOWS IN THE NEWS**

- Class of 2005 Fellow **Jenny Parker** was featured prominently in a *Waco Tribune-Herald* newspaper article about her fellowship campus action campaign, a living wage campaign at Baylor University. After the article appeared, Jenny was also featured in a segment on her local **CBS-TV** news program! Congratulations, Jenny, and keep up the good work! Check out the *Waco Tribune-Herald* article [here](#) .

a Program Manager for this important initiative. [Click here](#) for a job description.

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- The **American Youth Scholarship Foundation** has started a new program, **Model United States House of Representatives** . Model House of Representatives will bring college students from around the country to the Capitol for five days in April for debate, discovery, and enrichment. There are still several spots available. Check it out [here](#).

Thanks to **2006 YP4 Fellow Mike Simmons** for sharing this opportunity, and congratulations to him for being selected to represent his home district in the inaugural convening of [Model House of Representatives](#) .

Please send any future items you'd like to share in the newsletter to TJ at [thelmstetter@pfaw.org](mailto:thelmstetter@pfaw.org) .

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We're looking for interns! Come work for **Young People For** in our New York Office! Stipends may be available, and



- YP4 Intern and Class of 2005 Fellow **T.J. Helmstetter** participated in a recent political demonstration against the Supreme Court nomination of Samuel Alito, and as a result, he was featured in an **Associated Press** photo that appeared on the front page of **CNN.com** on January 26 and on page A14 of the **New York Times** and in the Washington section of **nytimes.com** on January 27. Great press! Click on the bottom photo in [this article](#) to see TJ taking a stand.



- Class of 2006 Fellow **Kim Teplitzky**

academic credit can be arranged. If you would like more information about interning with **YP4**, please contact YP4 Deputy Director Sarah Alvarez at [salvarez@pfaw.org](mailto:salvarez@pfaw.org).

Thanks to your support, **Young People For** has grown rapidly. We are now looking to fill a full-time Program Associate position, based in New York, to help manage our fellowship program. [Click here](#) for a job description. For more information, please contact **People For the American Way Foundation's** human resources department at [hr@pfaw.org](mailto:hr@pfaw.org).

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Happy Birthday** to all of our **YP4 Fellows and Friends** born in **January**

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2006 Fellow **Cristina Correa** (1/7), 2006 Fellow **Sendolo Diaminah** (1/27), Program Associate **Shawn Dixon** (1/2), 2006 Fellow **Jennifer Dunmore** (1/27), 2005 Fellow **Andrew Garib** (1/29), 2006 Fellow **Alberto Gonzalez** (1/16), 2006 Fellow **Tamara Joachim** (1/12), 2005 Fellow **Carol Lopez** (1/18), 2006 Fellow **Emily McDermott** (1/23), 2006 Fellow **Laura Mitchell-Morton** (1/23), 2005 Fellow

was quoted in an article about the Supreme Court debate for [Cybercast News Service](#) , a right-wing media outlet. **People For the American Way Foundation's Andrew Gillum** was also featured. Congratulations to both Kim and Andrew for holding their own with the reporter. Read the article [here](#) .

**Robin O'Neil** (1/15), 2005 Fellow  
**James Sams** (1/17), 2006 Fellow  
**Anna Sidou** (1/1), 2006 Fellow  
**Michael Simmons** (1/22), 2006 Fellow  
**Heather Sturgill** (1/25), 2006 Fellow  
**Ashely Sutton** (1/25), 2006 Fellow  
**Antoine Taylor** (1/7), 2005 Fellow **Dirk Whatley Jr.** (1/26), & 2005 Fellow and Steering Committee Chair **David White** (1/8).

Are you a fellow? Have you gotten press coverage for your fellowship Blueprint or for something else you've done? Tell your program associate! Email Shawn at [sdixon@pfaw.org](mailto:sdixon@pfaw.org), Rachel at [rburrows@pfaw.org](mailto:rburrows@pfaw.org), or Sarah at [salvarez@pfaw.org](mailto:salvarez@pfaw.org). Alumni, please send any updates to Shaunna at [stthomas@pfaw.org](mailto:stthomas@pfaw.org). If you think we're missing your headshot, please send one to Shawn at [sdixon@pfaw.org](mailto:sdixon@pfaw.org). Thanks!

Think we're missing your birthday?  
Send the date to TJ at [thelmstetter@pfaw.org](mailto:thelmstetter@pfaw.org).

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## **ATTENTION ALUMNI!**

Young People For wants your feedback. Please take the 2005 **Young People For** fellowship survey today! Here's the link: <http://xrl.us/jq97>. All submissions are entered into a drawing to win one of three \$25 i-Tunes gift certificates.

**SENIOR FELLOWS**

For information about the **Senior**

**Fellowship** opportunity available exclusively to **Young People For** fellowship alums, you MUST email Shaunna Thomas ([sthomas@pfaw.org](mailto:sthomas@pfaw.org)) by Friday, February 6, to be considered. If you are interested in further funding for campus actions, paid internships, and career counseling, this opportunity should not be passed up!

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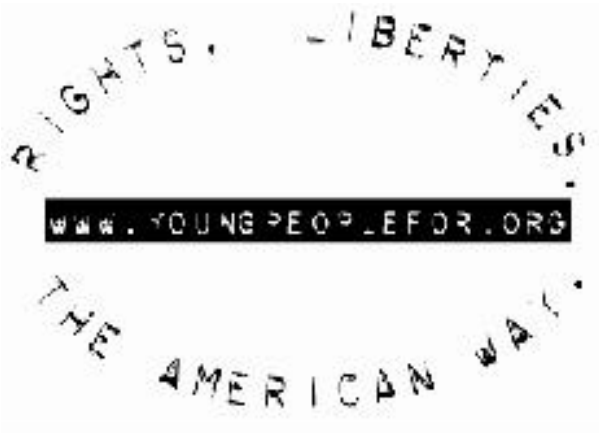
## **LITTLE BLACK BOOKS**

**Little Black Books** are manuals for effective activism for students, by students. We want your help to write them! If you have experience in activism and want to get published, contact TJ at [thelmstetter@pfaw.org](mailto:thelmstetter@pfaw.org).

We're still looking for experts in all areas of progressive activism. We need lead writers as well as case study writers for several of the books. Share your experiences with other young activists!

The first and second installments of the **Little Black Books** series have been published, and will be made available online with our [youngpeoplefor.org](http://youngpeoplefor.org) relaunch over the next few weeks. Thanks to everyone who contributed to ***Media and Message*** and ***Coalition Building***. Look out for ***Lobbying & Advocacy*** and ***Event Planning*** coming soon!

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