

Fall Newsletter - Mentor Campaign!



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CAROLINA **YOUTH** COALITION



Carolina Youth Coalition is in the midst of our *50 in 50 Mentor Campaign* to identify 50 mentors in 50 days and we need your help!

Our "Empower Mentors" play a critical role in our success by working 1:1 with a high school senior throughout their college application and scholarship process! We need 39 more mentors to sign up by December 31st.

Who we're looking for:

- Charlotte-based and remote mentors
- No prior mentor experience needed
- Comfortable working with high school students
- Willing to complete MentorU onboarding and training (Feb-Apr 2022)

Sign up to mentor below or share with someone you know who'd be a great mentor!

Sign Up to Mentor



We're L I V E . . . with the Class of 2025! This Fall, we welcomed our first-ever 9th-grade cohort to our CYC family! They are part of a total of 160 high school Fellows and 78 College Fellows that CYC will be serving this school year.

"CYC programs create a safe environment for me to share my thoughts and feelings without being criticized or judged by anyone. In addition to that, they always go out their way to help Fellows in the program." - Xavion, CYC Fellow '25

"The best thing about our Class of 2025 is their energy! They help each other and you can tell they really care for and value each other not only as Fellows/friends in

CYC, but also as individuals. That kind of energy is warm, infectious, and inspiring. It's going to be really fun seeing all of them grow into their potential, and strengthen their familial bond with one another as they go through high school and CYC." - Tim Myers, Associate Director of Underclassmen Programs.

THANK YOU to Women's Impact Fund for the 2021 Education grant that made this expansion possible! We're also grateful for the technology investments from the Albemarle Foundation and the LongLeaf Fund that are allowing us to execute a hybrid program without missing a beat!



Last week, Jarian Kerekes, Head of Equitable Foundation, and leaders of the Equitable DEI team hosted an incredible Scholarship Night to share several scholarship opportunities with our senior Fellows! The Equitable Excellence Scholarship, in partnership with Scholarship America, is designed to inspire and empower individuals to be a "Force for Good" in their communities while investing in their future success.

The career and life advice shared by the Equitable Team with CYC Fellows was a highlight of the evening. Thank you for the open discussion and your dedication to Excellence!

Hear more about our partnership with Equitable Foundation through our interview on Next Stage's *What's Next?* series [here](#).



Many thanks to Marand Builders, Inc., Francisco Alvarado, and the Alvarado Family for an awesome Clay Shoot Fundraiser in October! Over \$150,000 was raised to support STEM scholarships for CYC Fellows and Latin Americans Working for Achievement (LAWA) students!!



Earlier this month, the Charlotte Young Professionals Group (CYPG) hosted a golf tourney at Rocky River Golf Club benefiting CYC and Freedom Communities. \$5K was raised for each organization during this fun-filled event. Thank you, CYPG!



Thank you to Brighthouse Financial Foundation for their \$50,000 grant in support of our College Success Program! The CSP is our high-touch, high-impact program for 9-12th graders that ensures CYC Fellows are academically, socially, and financially prepared to gain entrance to and excel at a best-fit college.

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Thank you to the Brinley Family for their recent transformational gift to CYC!

We are grateful for your investment in the future of our Fellows!



**Giving Tuesday is November 30th! This year, consider a monthly donation,
an employer-matched gift, or signing up to mentor with CYC!**

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