

The CORE Newsletter - October Edition



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Welcome back to *The Core*, your monthly CYC newsletter! We proudly share our latest news, stories, and events showcasing how our CYC Fellows, staff, volunteers, and supporters embody our core values.

WE ARE HIRING

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

CYC seeks a passionate, strategic, and process-minded Deputy Director to lead and manage all operations and programming functions, including overseeing day-to-day operations. The ideal candidate brings impactful experience in project and team management, program development, planning, systems development, and operations.

View the full description at www.carolinayouth.org/careers.



2024 COMMUNITY CUP

CYC's annual Community Cup was an unforgettable event filled with fun and friendly competition.

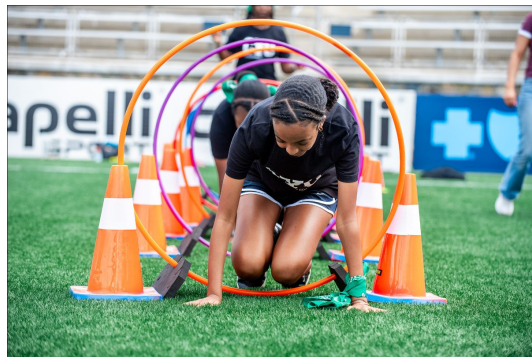
This year, 9-12th grade Fellows took over the field at American Legion Memorial Stadium where they participated in various games and team-building activities. From tackling obstacle courses and engaging in tug-of-war to taking penalty kicks and sprinting in relays, the Community Cup offers our CYC students, staff, and local volunteers the opportunity to build meaningful connections, strengthen relationships, and empower one another.

A special shoutout goes to the Orange Team for winning this year's Staff vs. Fellows volleyball game and bringing home the Community Cup trophy!

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible volunteers from Bank of America and McKinsey & Company and our wonderful food sponsor, Compass Group, for their contributions to the day. We would also like to express our deep appreciation and thanks to our partners at Equitable for being this year's title sponsor and to Charlotte Independence for their outstanding support in making this event a success!

We look forward to next year's event as we continue to embrace the importance of community building and what it means to be a team.

[Watch the complete recap of Community Cup 2024 here!](#)



[CYC, Honeywell, and the Carolina Panthers Collaborate for the Futureshaper Innovation Challenge](#)

The Futureshaper Innovation Challenge has officially begun, marking the start of an inspiring nine-week initiative where our CYC Fellows will join forces with Honeywell and the Carolina Panthers. Working collaboratively in teams, our Sophomore Fellows are tasked with developing and presenting innovative STEM solutions to transform Charlotte's Bank of America Stadium into a safer, smarter, and more sustainable venue.

This year's innovation challenge focuses on enhancing stadium safety, improving energy efficiency, and integrating smart technology to elevate the fan experience. Each week, Fellows will engage in various brainstorming sessions, workshops, and mentorship opportunities, drawing on the expertise of industry leaders in building automation and sustainable design.

This collaboration among Carolina Youth Coalition, Honeywell, and the Carolina Panthers serves to advance innovation and underscore the significance of community engagement. The judging panel for the Futureshaper Innovation Challenge features a distinguished lineup of experts, including Greg Turner, Senior Director of Engineering at Honeywell; Joe Flannigan, Senior Director of Engineering & Sustainability at Bank of America Stadium; Kathleen Cishek, Interim City Engineer at City of Charlotte; and Ikem Ekwonu, Offensive Tackle for the Carolina Panthers. Their extensive knowledge and experience will play a crucial role in assessing the innovative solutions put forth by the participating teams.

Excitement is in the air as each team prepares to pitch their groundbreaking concepts. Stay tuned for updates and behind-the-scenes looks at our Fellows in action as they generate ideas to shape a sustainable future!

[Watch our WBTV-CLT news feature!](#)



85 South College Tour

This month's 85 South College Tour, sponsored by Equitable Foundation, offered our Fellows an enriching experience as they explored the vibrant city of Atlanta, Georgia. During their weekend trip, our Senior Fellows participated in engaging tours at five renowned institutions including the Georgia Institute of Technology, Oglethorpe University, Spelman College, Morehouse College, and Emory University. Each guided tour provided an immersive look into the unique atmosphere of every campus, giving Fellows valuable insights into student life and the academic and social opportunities each college has to offer.

As a part of the college application process, our Fellows are provided the opportunity to explore a variety of colleges and universities, both in North Carolina and beyond, helping them identify their best-fit schools.

In addition to campus tours, our Seniors visited notable attractions in downtown Atlanta, including the renowned World of Coca-Cola Museum and the Georgia Aquarium, ensuring a memorable time in the city.

Thank you to Equitable Foundation for sponsoring this year's 85 South College Tour. Equitable's unwavering support and dedication to providing our Fellows with new opportunities is instrumental in transforming generational paths and advancing our mission.

We eagerly anticipate more college tours in the future and look forward to discovering which colleges and universities our Fellows will choose to attend in Fall 2025!





CYC Welcomes New & Returning YP Board Members

Carolina Youth Coalition's Young Professionals Auxiliary Board (YP Board) has been instrumental in advancing the organization's mission throughout the Charlotte area. Driven by a shared commitment to volunteerism and aligned with CYC's core values, each YP Board member leverages their professional expertise and networks to assist Fellows throughout their high school and college journeys.

This year, CYC is excited to welcome nineteen new and returning members to the YP Board. Randell Nairn,

Sr. Finance Analyst at Honeywell, will serve as the new YP Board Chair. She is enthusiastic about the combination of fresh perspectives and energy from the new members and the experience and savvy brought by the returning members.

[Learn more about Randell and the YP Board here!](#)



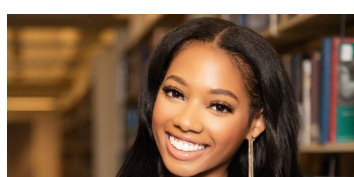
Torch Fellow Spotlight: Sirak Beyn

In CYC's weekly Torch Program, Sirak has shown exceptional leadership, notably during Senior program night, the 85 South College Tour, and as President of CYC F.L.A.M.E. club for male Fellows. Sirak was also selected as one of 16 Fellows for this year's Jordan Wings Design Program. Click the picture to connect with Sirak and learn more!



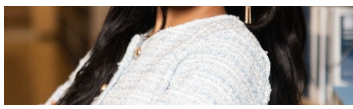
College Fellow Spotlight: Musie Gebreegziabher

After completing two summers as a Global Technology Summer Analyst at Bank of America, Musie will graduate this spring from UNC-Chapel Hill and has accepted a full-time offer as a Business Analyst in the Global Technology Analyst Program in Charlotte. Click on the picture to connect with Musie and learn more!



Alumni Fellow Spotlight: Hazel Whyte

After graduating debt-free from UNC-Chapel Hill, Hazel is now embarking on a new journey with a fellowship at Evergreen



Strategy Group. Click on the picture to connect with Hazel and learn more!



Funder Spotlight: Albemarle Corporation

Albemarle Corporation is a cornerstone partner in Carolina Youth Coalition's mission. Since 2018, Albemarle has provided exceptional support that goes beyond financial contributions. Committed to community engagement, Albemarle has engaged employees in serving as mentors and volunteers in various programs, while offering direct access to its leadership team for valuable insights in the STEM field. Albemarle's hands-on involvement empowers the next generation, impacting the lives of hundreds of Fellows to date. Thanks to Albemarle Corporation's inspiring influence, our Fellows are encouraged to dream big and pursue their goals with confidence and determination.

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