

2023-2024 Impact Report



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CAROLINA YOUTH COALITION



Dear CYC family and friends,

Hello! I'm Jaela Agee and I am a proud CYC alumnus and a recent graduate of UNC Greensboro in Communication Studies.

I am thrilled to present CYC's 2023-2024 Impact Report! This past year, CYC has made incredible strides, thanks to the unwavering support of our donors and volunteers. Your contributions have allowed CYC to expand its programs, reach more communities, and make a lasting impact on hundreds of Fellows.

I first joined CYC in 2019 during my senior year of high school at Garinger High School. As a first-generation college student, my journey as a CYC Fellow has been marked by several significant achievements, including earning the prestigious CYC Torch Award, being honored as a Smith Opportunity Scholarship recipient, and receiving the Goodwin Meissner Family Foundation Scholarship. During my time at UNCG, I interned with the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, where I worked on supporting local entrepreneurs through enhancing their digital marketing efforts. It was there that I discovered my passion for nonprofit work and media management.

This school year, I'll be returning to CYC in a new role as a Marketing and Communications Fellow thanks to the Goodwin Meissner Alumni Fellowship. I am excited to leverage my expertise in digital marketing and management to support CYC's storytelling efforts. I will be leading initiatives that enhance engagement and amplify CYC's mission. It's truly an honor and a full-circle moment to work with a team that has always believed in my potential!

On behalf of the entire CYC community, especially our Fellows and Alumni, I want to extend our deepest gratitude to all of our supporters for your ongoing dedication and encouragement. Your generosity and commitment are the driving forces behind CYC's success.

Keep an eye out for all the exciting campaigns and content I'll be sharing this year about the organization that has meant so much to me!

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Sincerely,

CAROLINA YOUTH COALITION **IMPACT 23-24**

TORCH FELLOWS
GRADES 9-12

3 PT AVG. ACT GROWTH
21 - AVERAGE SENIOR ACT
US - 19.5 | NC - 18.5 | CMS - 18.7

46% MET 3+ ACT BENCHMARKS
28% MET ALL 4 BENCHMARKS
US - 21% | NC - 17.1% | CMS - 21.5%

253 TORCH FELLOWS
22% INCREASE

\$17.7M SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS EARNED

98% COLLEGE ENROLLMENT
4-YEAR (91%) | 2-YEAR (7%) | TRADE (2%)

92% FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS
81% PELL-GRANT ELIGIBLE

\$7.5M SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS REDEEMED

75% OF SENIORS ATTENDING COLLEGE DEBT-FREE

*60 SENIORS IN CLASS OF 2024

COLLEGE FELLOWS AND ALUMNI

154 COLLEGE FELLOWS
63% ATTENDED UNC SCHOOLS

96% SOPHOMORE RETENTION RATE

94% FRESHMEN RETENTION RATE

25 COLLEGE GRADUATES IN 23-24
39 GRADUATES SINCE 2018

98% OF ALL FELLOWS HAVE REMAINED ENROLLED OR HAVE COMPLETED A DEGREE PROGRAM SINCE 2018

IN FALL 2024, CYC FELLOWS WILL BE ATTENDING OR WILL HAVE GRADUATED FROM 56 BEST-FIT INSTITUTIONS IN 22 STATES:

APPALACHIAN STATE ^	HOWARD UNIVERSITY	UNC ASHEVILLE
BEREA COLLEGE ^	JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIV.	UNC CHAPEL HILL ^
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY	LIBERTY UNIVERSITY	UNC CHARLOTTE ^
BROWN UNIVERSITY ^	MEREDITH COLLEGE	UNC GREENSBORO ^
CENTRAL PIEDMONT CC ^	NEW YORK UNIVERSITY	UNC WILMINGTON ^
COLBY COLLEGE	NC STATE UNIVERSITY ^	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI ^
COLGATE UNIVERSITY	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	UNIVERSITY OF NW OHIO
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL	UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
DAVIDSON COLLEGE	OSBERLIN COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA ^
DREXEL UNIVERSITY	QUEENS UNIVERSITY ^	UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND
DUKE UNIVERSITY	RHODES COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CAL.
EAST CAROLINA UNIV.	RICE UNIVERSITY	WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY^
EASTERN CONNECTICUT ST.	ROANOKE COLLEGE	WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
EMORY UNIVERSITY	ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE	WHEATON COLLEGE
FURMAN UNIVERSITY ^	OF ART AND DESIGN	WINGATE UNIVERSITY
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY ^	SAVANNAH COLLEGE	WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIV.
GEORGIA TECH	OF ART AND DESIGN	WOFFORD COLLEGE^
GRINNELL COLLEGE	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	YALE UNIVERSITY
GUILFORD COLLEGE	SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	
HAMPTON UNIVERSITY	SPELMAN COLLEGE	

BOLD = CLASS OF 2024 ATTENDING
^COLLEGES GRADUATED FROM SINCE 2018

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