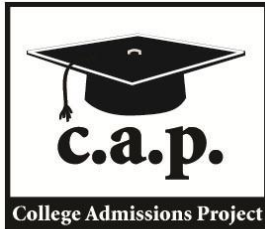


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YLC Projects



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College Admissions Project

When a study revealed that middle income "C" students get into college at a higher rate than lower income "A" students because low income kids have fewer resources to navigate the college admissions process than their middle class counterparts, a YLC member came up with a solution. Through the *College Admissions Project*, volunteer guides are paired one-on-one with public school seniors to guide them through the paperwork and requirements necessary to gain entry into a college of their choice.

Green It

Green It offers opportunities to get involved in "green" initiatives in New Orleans. Current efforts include sponsoring a school recycling program, volunteering with the city's recycling program, an ongoing partnership with Friends of City Park to maintain the Popp Fountain, working with a New Orleans area public school to build a garden on their campus and working with the LSU AgCenter to volunteer on Wetlands projects.

Helping Hands

In the past five years, New Orleanians have engaged in service to their community in numbers and ways never seen before. *Helping Hands* seeks to connect projects and initiatives across the city that are in need of volunteers to the YLC's greatest assets – its members.

New Orleans Outreach Power Ties™

Power Ties is a career awareness program that links professionals from various occupations with 8th grade students through a series of career-oriented workshops. YLC partners with New Orleans Outreach on this program.



ONE BOOK

ONE NEW ORLEANS

A Campaign for Literacy and Community
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One Book One New Orleans

A campaign for literacy and community, *One Book One New Orleans* calls on residents in New Orleans to share the experience of reading the same book at the same time every Fall. It is a joint project of the YLC and Literacy Alliance of Greater New Orleans.

RECreate

RECreate is a youth recreation program that offers high quality, accessible and educational recreation activities to youth in the Central City area. RECreate participants are ages 5-14. RECreate has a basketball program consisting of coached practices, drills, games and a tournament. A Cultural Awareness Class will also be offered where participants will learn the history of the Central City Area, Mardi Gras Indian tradition, African American history, African dance, and black greek step. Each activity includes a literacy component wherein the group reads an age appropriate text relevant to their chosen recreation activity. Activities will take place at the Harmony Oaks Community Center and A.L. Davis Park in Central City.



Le Vert Tour

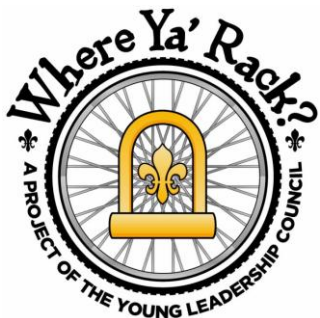
A new project, *Le Vert Home Tour* focuses on making sustainable living practices accessible and realistic for young professionals and all New Orleanians.

Youth Run New Orleans (YRNOLA)

Through participation in local running events, such as the Crescent City Classic, *YRNOLA* exposes middle and high school students to the benefits of exercise and a healthy lifestyle. These students, from St. Bernard and Jefferson Parish, develop the skills necessary to being successful in the race, classroom, and community.

Volunteer in the Arts (VITA)

In an effort to support the rich artistic culture of New Orleans, the YLC has a dedicated program focused on coordinating volunteers for arts-based events. *VITA* is a win-win for the YLC as it allows young professionals who may not otherwise be able to afford admission to some of these events a chance to experience them as volunteers.



Where Ya' Rack?

Where Ya' Rack? works to install unique and secure bicycle parking racks throughout New Orleans to encourage cycling as an environmentally friendly and healthy transportation option for commuting, short trips and errands. Racks are sponsored by citizens, businesses or property owners and installed by YLC member-volunteers.

YLC Member Programs

There are two dedicated programs that provide leadership development training for YLC member-volunteers.

The **YLC Toastmasters Club** is a small group of YLC member-volunteers that meet twice each month to develop public speaking and leadership skills through practice and feedback using the Toastmasters International model.

The **Leadership Development Series** is a 10-week seminar class that teaches YLC members the basics of running a nonprofit organization or a YLC project. Entry to the class is competitive with approximately 30 students being accepted each year.