



2023 Young American Leaders Minneapolis - St. Paul Cohort Announcement

After a highly competitive selection process, we are pleased to announce the 2023 Minneapolis-Saint Paul cohort for the Young American Leaders Programs. Thank you to those of you who nominated leaders. Please join us in congratulating these rising Minnesotan leaders and saluting their commitment to collaborate across differences for the shared prosperity of our region and state, and read on for more information about the Program:

2023 National YALP - MSP Cohort (June 20-23, 2023)

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Together these rising leaders represent a unique force for expanding the power of cross-sectoral collaboration for our region and our state.

About the Program

The Young American Leaders Program originated at Harvard Business School in 2015 with the aim of bringing city-based cohorts of rising leaders from business, government, and non-profit organizations together for three days to increase their knowledge of the state and trajectory of our national and regional economic development, provide tools for cross-sector collaboration, and grow networks of rising leaders who can lead together for public good in the future. In 2019, the Itasca Project partnered with the University of Minnesota’s Center for Integrative Leadership as well as Harvard Business School to hold the first Minnesota Young American Leaders Program at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. For 2023, a broad-based selection committee led by the Itasca Project and chaired by Duchesne Drew, President, Minnesota Public Radio, and Pahoua Hoffman, SVP Government & Community Relations, HealthPartners considered applications from a wide range of rising leaders from across business, government, and non-profit organizations. Successful applicants were chosen based on their track record and potential trajectory in both their professional and civic engagement and were invited to attend either the national or Minnesota Program.

The 2023 Young American Leaders Program is scheduled for June 20-23, 2023 at Harvard Business School in Boston.