2024 Young American Leaders Program Cohort Announcement
After a highly competitive selection process, we are pleased to announce the 2024 Minneapolis-Saint Paul cohorts for the Young American Leaders Programs. Thank you to those of you who nominated leaders. More than 140 outstanding leaders were nominated and applied to be a part of this year’s cohorts, each of whom we would have been proud to include; it was a tough deliberation to select the final cohorts.

Please join us in congratulating these rising Minnesotan leaders and saluting their commitment to collaborate across differences for the shared prosperity for our region and our state. Together these rising leaders represent a unique force for expanding the power of cross-sectoral collaboration. Read on for more information about the Programs:

2024 Minnesota YALP - MSP Cohort (May 19-22, 2024)
Samira Afzali, Cash App
Adam Choe, Tundra Ventures
Ieesha McKinzie Collins, GREATER MSP Partnership
Hodan Hassan, Minnesota House of Representatives
Guled Ibrahim, City of Minneapolis
Faith Jackson, City of Bloomington
Michael Jackson, Black Tech Talent, LLC
Elina Margarita Castillo Jiménez, Amnesty International
Irene Kao, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Amal Karim, The Constellation Fund
Erick Garcia Luna, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
Jessica Lynn, Johnson Controls
Theresa McCormick, The Good Acre
Jeff Ochs, Venn Foundation
Mark Osborn, University of Minnesota
Jovan Rebollar, The Great Northern
Matt Swenson, Cargill
Catherine Higgins Whiteside, Sunrise Banks, National Association

2024 National YALP - MSP Cohort (June 25-28, 2024)
Imee Cambronero, 3M
Tiffani Daniels, Minnesota Business Coalition for Racial Equity
Elizer Darris, Darris Group, LLC
Daniel Gilbertson, Medtronic
Mukhtar M. Ibrahim, Sahan Journal
Lariss Maldonado, Wells Fargo
Hue Nguyen, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
Nawal Noor, Noor Companies
Alex West Steinman, The Coven
Clare Oumou Verbeten, Minnesota Senate
About the Programs

The national 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 the 2024 cohorts, 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 2024 Minnesota Young American Leaders Program is scheduled for May 19-22, 2024, at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities campus; the national Program is scheduled for June 25-28, 2024, at Harvard Business School.