



MINNESOTA YOUNG AMERICAN LEADERS

2024 Minnesota Young American Leaders Program Cohort Announcement

After a highly competitive selection process, we are pleased to announce the 2024 cohort for the Minnesota Young American Leaders Program. Thank you to those of you who nominated leaders. More than 280 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 in the cohorts; 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 Program:

2024 – Greater Fargo-Moorhead Cohort

Zoe Absey, Great Plains Food Bank

Cani Adan, New Roots Midwest

Klara Beck, City of Fergus Falls

Megaan Cianci, Minnesota Med Spa, PLLC

J'Neil Gibson, Youthworks

Megan Glasow, Perficient

Joey Ness, Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation

Joanna Slominski, Mortenson

Jordan Werk, Moorhead Police Department

2024 – Greater Mankato Cohort

Kuldeep Agarwal, Minnesota State University

Collin Bennett, Knutson Construction

Sabri Fair, Region Nine Development Commission

Amanda Hird, Blue Earth County

Tricia Lewis, Mankato Area Foundation

Garrett Lieffring, Kivu Immigration Law PLLC

Ryan Marti, Taylor Corporation

Adam Massmann, VINE

Sam Schirmers, Mankato Area Public Schools & Community Education

2024 – Greater Minneapolis - Saint Paul Cohort

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 – Greater Rochester Cohort

Eron Godi (Winnie), Cradle 2 Career
Lindsey Hernandez, Development Corporation of Austin
Intisar Khan, Rochester Public Schools
Emily Krage, Olmsted County
Sadie Neuman, City of Rochester
Valmik Patel, Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research

2024 – Greater St. Cloud Cohort

Eunice Adjei, St. Cloud Financial Credit Union
Nora Hertel, Project Optimist
Rebecca Kotz, St. Cloud State University Women's Center
Hanna Lord, GeoComm, Inc
Kelti Lorence, Park Industries
Vincent Miles, Miles Psychological Services, LLC
Emmanuel Oppong, City of St. Cloud
Colleen Schumann, Gallagher
Aaron Sinclair, Sourcewell

2024 – Northeast MN Cohort

Brett Anderson, The First National Bank of Milaca
Charanna Conger, Entrepreneur Fund
Zack Filipovich, Northspan Group, Inc
Aubrey J. Hagen, Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce
Christopher Henagin, Northland Small Business Development Center
Tricia Hobbs, City of Duluth
Claire Peterlin, Minnesota North College
Kenneth Reid, Lake Superior College
Amanda Rosebrock, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

About the Program

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 cohort, broad-based regional selection committees led by local partners and the Itasca Project 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 the Minnesota Program.

Thank you to our regional selection committee partners:

- Greater Fargo-Moorhead: [Downtown Moorhead, Inc.](#)
- Greater Mankato: [Greater Mankato Growth](#)
- Greater Minneapolis-Saint Paul: [Itasca Project](#)
- Greater Rochester: [Destination Medical Center](#)
- Greater St. Cloud: [Greater Saint Cloud Development Corporation](#)
- Northeast MN: [Northland Foundation](#)

The 2024 Minnesota Young American Leaders Program is scheduled for May 19-22, 2024, at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities campus.