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Summer Legal Fellowship Program Yearbook 2023



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CYDL and our students are building a future in which young people of backgrounds thrive academically, achieve fulfilling careers, and participate meaningfully in civic life and leadership. This Yearbook commemorates our 2023 Summer Legal Fellowship Program, in which 26 inspiring high school students participated in empowering educational activities on the UC Berkeley campus, paid law and social justice internships, and ongoing follow-up mentoring.

Since CYDL was founded in 1999, more than 92% of our Program alumni have attended higher education. They are the first in their families to go to college, and they are committed to making an impact and creating a more just world.

We thank our many Program alumni who gave back this year as instructors, mentors, and program assistants. We also thank the internship hosts, teachers, volunteers, guest speakers, and generous donors who make our program possible.

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Honorable Colin Bowen
Honorable Anita Santos





meet the **Students**



Chelsey at Equal Rights Advocates

CHELSEY ADAMS

Skyline High School - Class of 2024

Internship Agency: Equal Rights Advocates

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ The U.S. Constitution class and my time at Equal Rights Advocates

What are your goals for the future?

“ Get scholarships and get accepted into a four-year university.



Yemarej (on the right) with her supervisor

YEMAREJ ALEXANDER

Berkeley High School - Class of 2024

Internship Agency: Berkeley Vice Mayor Ben Bartlett

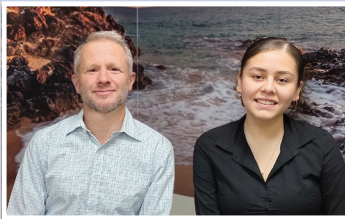
What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ The most inspiring thing from the summer was hearing feedback from Judge Colin Bowen after our mock trial where I was a Defense Attorney in my criminal case. He made me realize that I am my biggest critic. Between this, public speaking about civic education through this internship, and writing out my activities list for college applications, it triggered a period of self-reflection, and boosted my confidence.

The internship made my love for social work stronger. So many doors have opened for me since finding my path. Nancy also really helped my process. I really enjoyed the talks we'd have when I stayed behind during lunch or after classes. She always made sure you knew she was there for you! She would reach out, always, even sometimes to no reply. This internship was a lifetime networking opportunity and I'm excited to see how we collaborate in the future!!

What are your goals for the future?

“ After high school I plan to go to a 4 year university majoring in social work. I eventually plan to go to law school to pursue a career as a Family Law Attorney. I also plan to get further into my nonprofit “Cakes for Sakes” which provides birthday cakes for at-risk youth, low-income families with children, and children in foster care.



Valentina (on the right) with her supervisor

VALENTINA ARECHIGA FREGOSO

Oakland Unity High School - Class of 2025

Internship Agency: Alameda County Public Defender

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ I met so many amazing people through the program; I've got to say exploring Berkeley with friends during our lunch hour then running back to make it in time was the most memorable. The most inspiring moment would probably have to be graduation. It was inspiring seeing past alumni of the program being involved years after yet it was bittersweet saying goodbye to everyone at the end.

What are your goals for the future?

“ I'm not sure what I want to do in the future. Prior to the summer I thought of becoming a lawyer — I'm still considering it — however I was introduced to so many new people and ideas that now I'm a bit unsure. Nonetheless, this summer has solidified my interest in attending college. I hope to establish a career through which my creativity and ideas will benefit those around me.



Elias (in front) with his supervisor

ELIAS AVALOS PERDOMO

Kennedy High School- Class of 2026
Internship Agency: East Bay Community Law Center

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

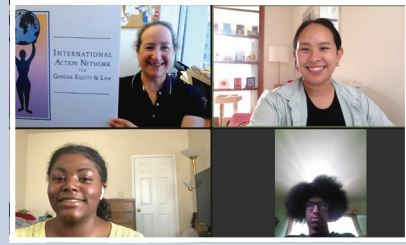
“ The mock trials, pizza, the internship

What are your goals for the future?

“ To gradually improve my mistakes, and make them my strengths. Complete college. Become someone people can look up to.

Any other comments?

Thank you for the opportunity of this summer.



Latyna (bottom left) with a coworker and supervisors

LATYNA BUTLER

Berkeley Technical High School - Class of 2023
Internship Agency: International Action Network for Gender Equity and Law

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ Most memorable was the mock trial.

What are your goals for the future?

“ To have a 3.0 GPA or higher for my first semester of college



Maria (second from right) with a coworker and supervisors

MARIA CAMACHO

Kennedy High School - Class of 2024
Internship Agency: Bay Area Legal Aid

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ How much I have grown this summer. I have become more confident in my voice and opinions.

What are your goals for the future?

“ Manage all of my extra curriculars in the incoming school year. Complete college.

Any other comments?

This program has done so much for me :-)



Andres (in the middle) at the graduation

ANDRES CERVANTES

Arise High School- Class of 2024
Internship Agency: Root & Rebound

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ Everything, from the start to the end. This program was amazing.

What are your goals for the future?

“ To be happy in life.

Any other comments?

Thank you guys for all the help.



Raniyah (second from the left) with a coworker and supervisors

RANIYAH COLE

McClymonds High School - Class of 2024

Internship Agency: Bay Area Legal Aid

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ The most memorable thing this summer was my presentation I gave along with Maria at a bunch of different locations.

What are your goals for the future?

“ Long-term: my future goals are to be a travel nurse, then a pediatrician. Short-term: graduate from high school with a 4.25.



Skyler (second from left) with his supervisors

SKYLER DIAS

El Cerrito High School - Class of 2024

Internship Agency: Contra Costa County Supervisor

John Gioia

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ I think the most memorable thing about the program was the internship I was sent to in John Gioia's Office. I learned how to network and the importance of networking.

What are your goals for the future?

“ My short-term goal is to do the best I can in all of the challenging classes I have, so that I can grow as a person, not just for college.



Francesca in her internship office

FRANCESCA DE LA ROSA

Skyline High School - Class of 2024

Internship Agency: Stadum-Liang Immigration

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ Getting to meet new people and learn about something I'm passionate about.

What are your goals for the future?

“ Get accepted into a four-year university.



Nyerie (second from left) at the graduation

NYERIE FINDLEY

Berkeley High School - Class of 2024

Internship Agency: Root & Rebound



Richard in his internship office

RICHARD GUZMAN

Leadership Public Schools - Class of 2025
Internship Agency: Contra Costa County District Attorney

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ Working in the District Attorney’s Office

What are your goals for the future?

“ Become a good sports reporter



Jonathan at the graduation

JONATHAN JOHNSON

Emery High School - Class of 2025
Internship Agency: International Action Network for Gender Equity and Law

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ Meeting new people mostly, and learning new things.

What are your goals for the future?

“ Going into the military or college.



Andrea at her internship office

ANDREA LUNA RIVERA

Skyline High School - Class of 2025
Internship Agency: Oakland Office of the Inspector General

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ Attending a City Council meeting and the mock trial.

What are your goals for the future?

“ I want to go to college, and become a lawyer and eventually a member of the House of Representatives.



Mariza at her internship office

MARIZA MACARIO

Kennedy High School - Class of 2023
Internship Agency: East Bay Sanctuary Covenant

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ Meeting new people, and my internship.

What are your goals for the future?

“ Go to college and become an FBI agent.



Jeremiah (on the right) with his supervisor

JEREMIAH MARCELLUS

Richmond High School - Class of 2024
Internship Agency: University of California Office of the General Counsel

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ The people I met.

What are your goals for the future?

“ Finish high school, go to college.



Monica at Equal Rights Advocates

MONICA MEDINA

Oakland School for the Arts - Class of 2024
Internship Agency: Equal Rights Advocates

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ How nice everyone was in the organization, as well as how nice everyone was at my internship.

What are your goals for the future?

“ Filmmaker



Princess (in the middle) at the graduation

PRINCESS MOMOH-DANGA

Oakland High School - Class of 2025
Internship Agency: Family Violence Law Center

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ Mock trial and the classes.

What are your goals for the future?

“ To graduate from high school with a full ride scholarship. Graduate from university with a high GPA. Take a break and earn money to help pay for law school. Become a lawyer, most likely an immigration lawyer.



Amilkar (on the left) with his supervisor

AMILKAR PABLO

Leadership Public Schools - Class of 2024
Internship Agency: Alameda County Assessor's Office

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ The internship giving me new mentors and experience.

What are your goals for the future?

“ Go to college and explore more work fields.



A'niyha in her internship office

A'NIYHA PATRICK

McClymonds High School - Class of 2024
Internship Agency: Oakland Office of the Inspector General

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ My internship was great and I learned a lot from my supervisors. The Restorative Justice class.

What are your goals for the future?

“ College. Self-care.



Reese (second from the left) at the graduation

REESE REYES ARANDA

Berkeley High School - Class of 2025
Internship Agency: Services, Immigration Rights, and Education Network

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ The thing that was most memorable about the program was planning for the trial and feeling like an actual lawyer while working on what we were going to do.

What are your goals for the future?

“ My goals for the future are to go to college for material science or some type of engineering pathway. After I graduate I would like to find a job in that field and I would like to make a lot of money to be able to give back to the youth in my community by providing better education, and give more resources to support first generation students.

Any other comments?

I really enjoyed the speakers that came to talk and inspire us, and maybe in the future I can inspire as well. Thank you so much for the opportunity you gave to me and everyone else in the program this summer.



Pedro (in the middle) with his supervisors

PEDRO RUIZ

Richmond High School - Class of 2024
Internship Agency: Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ The moments I shared with friends I made in the program

What are your goals for the future?

- “ - Adopting better and more professional language
- Improving communication and social skills
- Stop procrastinating
- Be satisfied with life



Zeeshan (in the middle) at the graduation

ZEESHAN SHEIKH

Berkeley High School - Class of 2025
Internship Agency: Family Violence Law Center

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ The most inspiring memories from the program are everything, from the internship to the classes. I was not interested in law but after this program I started taking law classes.

What are your goals for the future?

“ My short-term goal is to find out what I like to do and what I want to be. But, no matter what I want to be, I will always try to choose something that will benefit the community.



David at his internship office

DAVID SWAIN

Invictus Academy of Richmond - Class of 2025
Internship Agency: UC Berkeley Research
Administration and Compliance

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ Learning my rights

What are your goals for the future?

“ Get my Bachelors degree, get wealthy.



Adonay (in front) with his supervisor

ADONAY SOLANO

Richmond High School - Class of 2024
Internship Agency: East Bay Community Law Center

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ One of the most memorable moments from the program was in preparation for the mock trials, and seeing all my friends dressed up. I remember looking out towards the street after finishing my pizza and appreciating the time I had with CYDL.

What are your goals for the future?

“ My goal for the future is to find stability and happiness in the career I end up in, and my short-term goal is to just get through high school with straight A's.



Justin (on the left) with his supervisor

JUSTIN VILAYSOUK

Richmond High School - Class of 2024
Internship Agency: Public Interest Law Project

What was most inspiring or memorable to you about the 2023 Summer Program?

“ The most inspiring and memorable to me about the summer program was my mock trial. I never felt so proud of myself and my team's work.

What are your goals for the future?

“ Short-term goals: earn a high school diploma, get my drivers license, get a part-time job. Long-term goals: attend and complete college (Bachelors), earn my Masters (possibly), buy a car, buy a home.

Any other comments?

I'm so glad I was able to participate in this program and hope to continue to expand it. It's been an honor :-)

Graduation Ceremony

Leader of Ceremonies: Dorian Peters, CYDL Alumnus and Leadership Council Member
Keynote Speaker: Dónte Clark, poet, actor, and community activist

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