

AAYLP Mission Statement

The African American Youth Leadership Program (AAYLP) is a division of RPIC with the goal of providing the leaders of tomorrow with the necessary tools to be prepared for today's corporate world. We believe that this goal can be achieved in providing students with academic guidelines, interactive training and exchanges with business leaders and policy makers. AAYLP participants are prepared with the practical training to be effective leaders in their communities.

About AAYLP

Each year the Research and Policy Institute of California hosts the African American Youth Leadership Program. The annual conference invites high school juniors and seniors from throughout the state to participate in a week-long conference in Sacramento. During the week, participants are exposed to training in leadership and personal development and are shown the tools of success in education, business, and government. Conference participants get hands-on experience, such as developing academic and career plans, running political campaigns and participating in the legislative process. This training culminates to a mock presentation and debate of proposed bills in California's Assembly Chambers. Upon successful completion of AAYLP students are granted admission into the Society of Leaders (SOL). SOL is a virtual community connecting high-achieving students to academic support, career counseling, and most importantly, to each other. Students who participate in SOL strive to make a positive impact on the African American Community.

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