

A MESSAGE FROM CONGRESSMAN CUMMINGS

For 20 years, I have been so proud to see the young people who come through ECYP develop into ambassadors of peace and understanding, connecting cultures through their experiences in Baltimore, Washington, Annapolis and Israel. With the support of so many generous supporters, we are able to provide each of our fellows with a gift—an opportunity to tap into their leadership potential and express their talents and gifts in ways that will enrich our community, today and in the future. Each summer, during their 3-1/2 weeks together in Israel, our participants build deep bonds with each other, and as alumni of the program, many remain engaged for a lifetime. ECYP is our collective opportunity to make a lasting impact on our next generation's leaders.

Elijah E. Cummings

U.S. Congressman



OUR FELLOWS

The Classes of 2018 and 2019 are diverse and represent 15 zip codes across the 7th District of Maryland (parts of Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Howard County).

75% of our fellows were female and 25% were male.

92% of our fellows were African American, 4% South Asian, and 4% Middle Eastern.

75% of our fellows attended public schools and 25% attended private schools.

100% of the Class of 2018 graduated from high school.

▼ DC Day 2018 with the Class of 2018 and 2019



ECYP ALUMNI

ECYP is proud to have over 200 alumni in our 20 years. ECYP has an active Alumni Council who, alongside staff, host several events throughout the year.

The ECYP Class of 2014 Graduated from the Following Universities

Villanova University
Temple University
Goucher College
Hood College
Brown University
Denison University
Princeton University
University of Pennsylvania

“My ECYP experience expanded my world view and invited me to honor and respect the variety of cultures and norms that I am surrounded by in my career. This has led me to be more culturally competent and sensitive to the needs of my patients, including those who are just like me, those who are at-risk and those who are just vulnerable.”

—**Taiwo I Ajao, RN BSN MPH**
(Class of 1998)



▲ ECYP Alumni Gathering 2018

94%
of our eligible college alumni are currently enrolled in college.

80% of the ECYP Class of 2014 graduated from college this spring, within four years of graduating high school.

95%
of our ECYP alumni have graduated from college.



“Because of ECYP I developed the desire to travel to as many places as possible, so I could learn more about other cultures. This was the main reason that I chose to study abroad over the summer and join BLUElab. I believe that my ECYP experience greatly impacted who I am today.”

—**Erik Anderson, II**

Erik Anderson, II (Class of 2016)

High School: Western Technology • University: University of Michigan
Major: Environmental Engineering

Inspired by his travel to Israel through ECYP, after his freshman year at Michigan, Erik spent this past summer completing a six-week study abroad program in Troyes, France, where he took courses in industrial ecology, and got to experience the French culture first hand. Erik is currently involved in his school's National Society of Black Engineers chapter, is a National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering scholar, and a Planet Blue sustainability ambassador at Michigan. He also finds time to be a member of a student organization called BLUElab that focuses on sustainability issues in various places in the world.

Alicia Gipe (Class of 2000)

High School: Baltimore City College
University: Notre Dame University and University of Baltimore, School of Law

When Alicia returned from her ECYP journey to Israel in summer 1999, she began to see life through a different lens. Humbled by her experiences, she realized—more than ever—that people are more similar than they are different, and she was empowered with the belief to never stop dreaming, never stop believing, and never give up. After graduating high school in 2000, Alicia went on to earn her college degree and graduate law school. Now, as an attorney at a Top 50 law firm, Alicia helps international and local businesses successfully resolve disputes involving general liability, construction, real estate, contracts, employment and labor, catastrophic accidents and professional liability—representing clients in the architectural, engineering, legal, health and real estate fields. Alicia continues to believe that people are more similar than they are different, and Alicia offers pro bono legal assistance to immigrants seeking asylum in the United States. Beyond her advocacy work in the courtroom, Alicia is involved with public service programs for the Bar Association of Baltimore City, providing legal assistance to the underserved and those with limited means.



ECYP CLASS OF 2018

Congratulations to our graduating class!



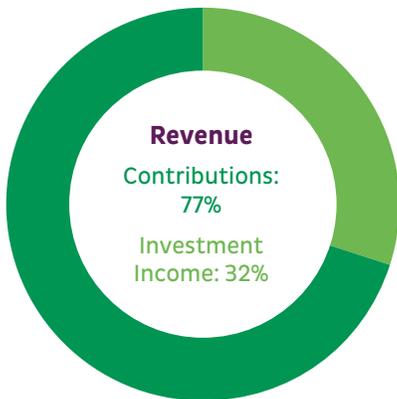
The ECYP Class of 2018 is Attending:

- Fisk University
- Frostburg University
- Hood College
- University of Maryland, College Park
- Morgan State University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Susquehanna University
- Towson University
- Virginia Commonwealth University



Israel 2018 ▶

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WHAT IS ECYP

ECYP invests in promising teens from Maryland's 7th Congressional District and prepares them to serve as open-minded leaders with the skills, community ties, and global exposure critical to success in a diverse society.

OUR WORK

The Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel (ECYP) builds leaders equipped for the future. For two decades, ECYP's vision is a world guided by ambassadors of cross-cultural relations who have high expectations of themselves and are committed to working for a better tomorrow. In 2018, ECYP served 24 fellows in two cohorts who represented the Classes of 2018 and 2019. The fellows participated in leadership training, community service and a month-long immersion experience to Israel.

