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YALE YOUNG AFRICAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Coming to rwanda soon

The Yale young African Scholars Program is an initiative by Yale University through the Yale Young Global Scholars program in close partnership with the MacMillan Center and a team of African Yale students; started in 2014 to bring together high school students to aid them in discovering their talents and potential in different fields such as leadership. The program aims at empowering good performance for high school students with tools and for accessing global educational opportunities in the US and beyond.

The YYAS program is also specially designed to help students recognize and understand global issues, strategize responses and innovate solutions. The program, which was first held in 2014 in Ghana and Ethiopia, carried a number of 100 students from high schools across the continent of Africa. They were presented with demanding academic content which was designed to improve student's analytical thinking, intellectual flexibility and improving their written and oral skills.

According to Bethel Yalew, who posted on the YYAS blog in the summer of 2014, applying for YYAS was a life changer. She was able to travel the world right from her home country of Ethiopia, by interacting with students from other countries and sharing their experiences, cultures and different backgrounds. "Through YYAS I have been

exposed as well as interacted with young leaders and change makers who are ready to create a meaningful impact on the globe. Most importantly, I believe we all have a unique talent and story that is going to make this impact worthwhile." – said YYAS Alumna.

This year, YYAS is holding its program in Zimbabwe and Rwanda. From August 11th -16th, the Rwandan program will host 50 students from across the continent and it will be hosted at Riviera High School for a week long of innovative talks, mentorship programs, workshops and skill sets for college applications. Helinna Ayalew, the project manager of YYAS describes the program of this year as a broad look into the US college curriculum through lectures, seminars, discussion groups and project groups. "We try to jumpstart the application process by hosting evening workshops where students work on University application processes and SAT preps," she said on her YouTube post.

This program is free for all participants. YYAS also has taken steps as to provide travel grants to a number of participants which entails them taking care of travel costs upon an approval of admission to the program. This is in order to attract a higher number of students to apply, after the success of the 2014 YYAS program.

The program will go a step further by utilizing the skills of the participants in small

workshops designed to prepare students from the demanding application. The instructors of this program include Yale faculty and students and highly esteemed local practitioners who are professionals in their fields, offering the students first-hand interaction with students who have only recently been part of the University application process.

What do students have to look forward to this year? A chance to learn from the experts themselves and get a head start on what it takes to apply for college alongside leadership and innovation skills.

Come one come all and meet the external world to empower our knowledge and skills!

By Denise

Yale

Young African Scholars Program



The 2015 Yale Young African Scholars Program (YYAS) will be hosted by Yale University in two locations:

Rwanda: August 11 – 16
Zimbabwe: August 20 – 25

There is no cost to participate in YYAS.



YYAS is a six-day residential program designed for African secondary school students who have the talent, drive, energy and ideas to make meaningful impact as young leaders. This high intensity program gives students the opportunity to participate in lectures and seminars taught by Yale faculty, local practitioners, and students currently enrolled at Yale on topics ranging from diplomacy to education, urbanization, energy, and health. YYAS also prepares students for the demanding application processes of U.S. colleges and universities. Admission is highly selective.

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