



Afro-American Cultural Center At Yale

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About The House

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New Student Outreach & Programming

We provide outreach to pre-college and prospective students through tours and events, as well as support our new undergraduate, graduate, and professional students' first steps of their Yale journey through mentoring, community building, and an array of resources and services.

Student Success Programs

The House coordinates opportunities for scholarship, professional development, and academic exploration through workshops, career panels, advising, and referrals. Wellness initiatives are also integral to our approach to student success.

Student Leadership Development

The House promotes effective individual and organizational leadership through advising and grant funding to our students and 45+ resident groups.

Civic Engagement Initiatives

We coordinate with youth empowerment programs, arts events, voting initiatives, and experiential- and service-learning trips that explore historical and contemporary aspects of the African Diaspora.

Intercultural & Social Justice Programming

We offer events and workshops for our community to challenge injustice and learn about critical social issues through an intercultural lens. We often collaborate with the other cultural centers on campus to promote intercultural unity.

Events & Traditions

Welcome Back Cookout | *Jubilee!* New Student Welcome Ceremony | Family & Friends Weekend Reception | Harvard-Yale Tailgate | MLK Celebrations | Alumni Career Panels | Black History Month Programming | Black Women's Retreat | Higher Education Initiative Trip | Black Graduation | Reunions & Anniversaries



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Mission

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Vision

To foster a vibrant community of Black scholar-leaders and others who are committed to preserving and promoting the historical, cultural, intellectual, and social movement traditions of the African Diaspora at Yale, in New Haven, and throughout the world.

Goals

- To provide an affirming space for Black students to develop solidarity, to find support and to build and express pride in their social identities
- To support our students’ personal, academic, and professional development as well as their sense of belonging at Yale through impactful advising, career preparation, and counseling
- To offer opportunities through which anyone can learn about the robust legacy of Black accomplishments and societal contributions in addition to the rich diverse cultures that comprise the Diaspora
- To engage the larger campus and local communities in pertinent Black historical and contemporary social issues and offer a platform to advocate around those issues
- To foster a more accessible and culturally affirming campus environment through community building, intercultural exchange, and social justice education
- To empower Black youth through effective programming and mentorship within the Greater New Haven community and beyond
- To create meaningful connections amongst current Yale students, the Yale alumni community, and the Greater New Haven area through tailored programming and engagement

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FIRST-YEAR SUPPORT STRUCTURES

New Student Outreach & Programming (NSOP) Team: The NSOP team is composed of House student staff

specifically focused on supporting new and prospective students. We provide outreach to pre-college and prospective students through tours and events as well as support our new undergraduates, graduate, and professional students through mentoring, programs, and an array of resources and services. We host various events to welcome first-years into the House community, including a Black First-Year Retreat, First-Year “Black & _” Mixer series at the beginning of the fall semester, and Residential College Mixer Brunch series at the beginning of spring semester.

Peer Liaisons (PLs): The PLs are a group of tight-knit upperclassmen with diverse backgrounds, class years, and experience, providing culture-specific support and understanding. In our role, we proudly try to establish the Black community at Yale as a safe space for first-years. We are sometimes the first representation that Black first-years have for The House, and our positivity and support directly encourages them to become involved on House staff, in resident groups, and other spaces that The House collaborates with. All of the PLs are invested in the longevity and bright future of The House and believe that inspiring the next class of Black student leaders is crucial to that goal! Any first-year student is able to request a House PL. We host weekly “Drop-ins,” which are times for first-years to come ask us questions, get some snacks, or just chill. We also hold office hours, study sessions, and host events at The House specifically for first-years.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED WITH THE HOUSE

- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Chapter
- Arab Students Association - ASA
- BlackOut
- Black at Yale School of Public Health - Black at YSPH
- Black Business Alliance - BBA
- Black Church at Yale - BCAY
- Black Gen Capital at Yale - Yale BGC
- Black Graduate Network - BGN
- Black Law Students Association - BLSA
- Black MFAs
- Black Pre-Health Students at Yale - BPHY
- Black Student Alliance at Yale - BSAY
- Black Solidarity Conference - BSC
- Defining Our World Now Magazine - DOWN
- Dzana Dance - Dzana
- FOLKS
- Generational African American Students Association - GAASA
- Heritage Theater Ensemble - HTE
- JM Bolin
- National Society of Black Engineers - NSBE
- Nu Gamma Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity - Nupes
- Pi Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Deltas
- ROOTS
- Rhythmic Blue - RB
- Sabrosura - Sabro
- Shades of Yale - Shades
- Steppin' Out - SO
- Unapologetically Jewish - UJ
- Urban Improvement Corps - UIC
- WORD: Performance Poetry at Yale - WORD
- Xi Omicron Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - AKA
- Yale African Innovation Symposium - YAIS
- Yale African Students Association - YASA
- Yale Black Pre-Law Students Association - YBPLA
- Yale Black Men's Union - BMU
- Yale Black Muslim Students Association - YBMSA
- Yale Black Seminarians - YBS
- Yale Black Women's Coalition - YBWC
- Yale Caribbean Students Organization - CSO
- Yale Dominican Students Association: QuisqueYalies - DSA
- Yale Ethiopian and Eritrean Students Association - YEESA
- Yale Model African Union - YMAU
- Yale Muslim Students Association - MSA
- Yale Nigerian Students Association - YNSA
- Yale Black Nursing Association - YBNA
- Yale Undergraduate Gospel Choir - YGC