

# YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Overview & Selection Criteria  
International African American Museum  
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## OVERVIEW

In 2024, the International African American Museum (IAAM) will launch the Youth Advisory Council which is a dynamic initiative aimed to amplify the voices of youth and fostering the development of future leaders. Through **4 goals**, the Youth Advisory Council hopes that young people will contribute their unique perspectives, ideas, and talents to shape the museum's initiatives and impact.

The Youth Advisory Council has **4 goals**:

- ❖ To **Amplify Youth Voices** through the provision of a safe (brave) space for youth to express their ideas, concerns, and aspirations in building and serving their community and beyond.
- ❖ To create opportunities for participants to **Explore Professional Pathways** through connecting with and learning from professionals from throughout a variety of industries to create opportunity for career exploration, skill development, and mentorship.
- ❖ To **Educate Youth on Museum Culture** and the best practices within the museum field to empower them to become active and engaged members of their community through participation in museum initiatives and programs.
- ❖ To **Develop Digital Projects** aimed at extending the reach and impact of the IAAM beyond the Charleston area while also exploring topics, themes, and narratives related to the Global African Diaspora to create content for elementary, middle, and high-school aged learners to enjoy.

## YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL | Outline & Logistics

The Youth Advisory Council of the International African American Museum will operate through three specialized committees, each focusing on distinct areas of responsibility:

- ❖ The **Professional Development Committee** is a dynamic and forward-thinking committee dedicated to nurturing the growth, leadership, and success of young individuals within the context of the global African Diaspora when it comes to history, culture, and heritage. As an integral component of the IAAM's commitment to youth empowerment and education, this committee serves as a catalyst for personal and professional advancement among young members of the council and community.
- ❖ The **Content Creation Committee** is a creative and innovative initiative dedicated to amplifying the voices, stories, and experiences of African Americans through various forms of media and content. As an integral part of the museum's mission to promote understanding, reconciliation, and celebration of African American history and culture, this committee serves as a platform for council members to engage with and contribute to the museum's content strategy.
- ❖ The **Community Engagement Committee** is a proactive initiative focused on fostering meaningful connections, collaborations, and partnerships with diverse communities. In which, the Committee creates spaces for dialogue, healing, and transformation, where individuals and communities can come together to explore shared histories.