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Welcome to the Maynard Jackson Youth Foundation!

We're building the foundation for today's youth of color to become tomorrow's leaders. Our signature program, [the MJYF Leadership Academy](#), engages metro Atlanta's public high school students of color in two years of intensive training in the skills and principles of leadership, critical thinking, entrepreneurship, communication, and community service. We additionally guide our scholar leaders to ensure they not only graduate high school on time, they also matriculate to the college of their choice well-prepared to succeed.

In this 25th year of the Leadership Academy we celebrate the [Class of 2017](#): not only did every student graduate high school, each also was accepted into the college of her/his choice and the class collectively won more than \$5 million in scholarship offers.

[Our Class of 2018](#) comprises twenty rising high school seniors from eleven high schools in the Atlanta, DeKalb, Fulton, and Douglas public school systems. They've been busy this summer with intensive SAT-prep boot camp and college campus visits plus study abroad in either Germany or China. We'll work closely with them this academic year to ensure they, too, successfully complete the college application and selection process and earn their diplomas.

We will begin recruiting high school juniors for our 27th Leadership Academy Class in October. [CLICK HERE](#) for application information.



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Honorable Maynard Holbrook Jackson

*“Maynard Jackson is one of the founding fathers of the New Atlanta,
the New South and the New America.”*

—Congressman John Lewis

Maynard Holbrook Jackson was a trailblazer. He was the first African American to be elected Mayor of Atlanta, in fact, the first black mayor of a major southern city. As a strategic leader, Mayor Jackson left a unique legacy. He built the world's busiest airport, "on time and on budget" while insisting that all of Atlanta's citizens had the opportunity to benefit from the city's development. He led the crusade to bring the 1996 Olympics to Atlanta; laying the groundwork for the revitalization of downtown Atlanta as a thriving business and residential community and inspiring the responsible redevelopment of more than 20 of Atlanta's historic neighborhoods. Maynard pulled people together to change Atlanta for the better, always holding to his principles, even under pressure to abandon them. Jackson graduated from Morehouse College at age 18 as a Ford Foundation Early Admission Scholar, earning a B. A. in political science and history. He then went on to earn the Juris Doctor degree cum laude from the School of Law at North Carolina Central University. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the recipient of seven honorary degrees. Jackson worked his way through school as a waiter, tobacco picker, librarian, and encyclopedia national sales trainer.

Mayor Jackson founded the Maynard Jackson Youth Foundation in 1992. After completing a third successful term as Mayor of Atlanta, Jackson returned to private business in January 1994. He was married to Valerie Richardson Jackson and the father of four daughters and one son.

*“A vision is a what, not a how. It is more than a dream – it's a dream PLUS.
A vision must be designed, built and finished. A vision is the house where the
dream resides.”*

—Maynard Holbrook Jackson 1938-2003



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The Leadership Academy



For twenty-three years, **the Maynard Jackson Youth Foundation's Leadership Academy** has been preparing metro Atlanta's talented young people of color for college, career, and lifelong leadership. Over the course of our students' junior and senior years in high school, the Leadership Academy develops and teaches skills and principles in five areas:

- Leadership
- Critical Thinking
- Entrepreneurship
- Community Service and Civic Engagement
- College and Career Readiness.

Now accepting applications for the **2017 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

The MJYF Leadership Academy provides a unique opportunity for students to gain valuable real world experience while also pursuing academic excellence. If you or someone you know is interested in participating in the Leadership Academy you may download an application by clicking [HERE](#).

Benefits of The Leadership Academy

Hundreds of metro Atlanta high school students have completed the MJYF Leadership Academy and every one has earned the opportunity to attend a college or university. Leadership Academy alumni have gone on to careers in business, government, law, medicine, education, and social services. The Leadership Academy meets two Saturdays per month from October to June of each year. The semi-monthly meetings include speakers, hands-on projects, cultural events, workshops, and field trips. Students in the Leadership Academy...

- Acquire the skills to become a leader in the community
- Participate in community service projects
- Prepare for college
- Participate in a three-day educational trip where they meet with elected officials and business leaders at prominent businesses, tour colleges and universities, and visit popular tourist sites.
- Earn a Leadership Academy Certificate upon completion of the program



How to Apply for The Leadership Academy

To be eligible to apply, students must be:

- 11th grade students, in good standing
- Enrolled in and attending full-time a high school in Atlanta Public Schools or another public school district in Fulton, Clayton, DeKalb or Douglas counties
- Self-identified as being of color, including multi-racial;
- Recognized as having leadership potential
- Nominated by the principal, guidance counselor, or teacher at their school.

Request a nomination form by clicking [HERE](#). Applications for the next Leadership Academy class are accepted in October of each year. There is NO fee to participate this program. A full program scholarship is awarded to each student accepted into the program.

Meet the MJYF SENIORS



Lauren Bailey
Coretta Scott King Academy
(View Biography)



Sequoyah Bell
North Clayton High
(View Biography)



Tahira Bradley
South Atlanta High
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Toni Cook
Benjamin E. Mays High
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Amina Craighead
McNair High School
(View Biography)



Asha Crews
South Atlanta High
(View Biography)



Dexter Davis
TBD



Francis Fataki IV
Carver EC / GA State
(View Biography)



Armani Gonzalez
TBD



Daniel Hamm
Maynard Jackson High
(View Biography)



Maya Hogan
Grady High School
(View Biography)



Jakobi Horn
Maynard Jackson High
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Isabella Jackson
Henry W. Grady High
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Aryonne Link
Carver Early College
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Kimberly Neal
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The Georgia Pacific Foundation invests its resources in four key areas that are essential to creating and sustaining strong communities: Education, Environment, Community Enrichment, and Entrepreneurship. The Georgia Pacific Foundation is founding supporting partner of the Maynard Jackson Youth Foundation.



Jackmont Hospitality, founded in 1994 by Daniel Halpern, Brooke Jackson Edmond, and her father, the late former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, Jr., is a full service foodservice company. The same spirit that elevates the commitment to community service of the Jackson family is evident in Jackmont Hospitality today. Jackmont Hospitality is the proud sponsor of the 2008 Leadership Academy Program in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and the 2009 Leadership Academy Program at the T.G.I.F. Friday/Camp Creek Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia.

NATIONAL RECREATION FOUNDATION

HELPING OUR YOUTH AT RISK PROMOTING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

and "Healthy Lifestyles" as issues of emphasis for their funding. Funded programs encourage the development of citizenship and social skills, stem anti-social behavior, and emphasize proactive community lifestyles and values. Each year the trustees select projects that show promise of making significant progress toward meeting the goals of the Foundation. The Maynard Jackson Youth Foundation is a proud recipient of a grant in 2009 from the National Recreation Foundation.

The National Recreation Foundation was created to initiate and support the promotion and development of leadership, programs, and facilities in the field of recreation and parks. Since 1995, the Foundation has identified "At-Risk Youth"



The UPS Foundation, which was founded in 1951 and is based in Atlanta, GA, has major initiatives that include programs that support community safety, nonprofit effectiveness, economic and global literacy, environmental sustainability and diversity. The UPS Foundation pursues these initiatives by identifying specific projects where its support can help produce a measurable social impact. In 2008, The UPS Foundation donated \$46.9 million to charitable organizations worldwide.

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Donate to MJYF Today!

Every generation has both challenges and opportunities. Those of us living in the first decade of the 21st century see challenges all around us: the fragile conditions of the earth's environment and our global economic viability; a nation facing the distinct possibility that our heirs will not live in conditions that are better or equal to past generations; and where more young black males are in prison than in college. In our local schools, close to 50% of students of color leave high school, without a high school diploma, and therefore are not positioned with skills for productive lives.

Due to Maynard Jackson's vision, there is the opportunity for you to address these challenges. Your financial investment in the work of the Maynard Jackson Youth Foundation is a wise investment. The Leadership Academy program has an indisputable track record in its intervention and impact on the lives of young people.

Together, we can insure that Maynard's vision continues along the pathway to infinite possibilities!

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Your donation will help support a student for the entire year attending The Leadership Academy Program, giving them a firm foundation for a lifetime of personal and professional success. All donations are pooled with other supporters to assure that the legacy of Honorable Maynard Jackson continues through ongoing programs for today's youth.

