



Empowering Communities, Changing Lives

The Rhode Island Young Professionals (RIYP) is a volunteer auxiliary of the Urban League of Rhode Island (ULRI), as well as one of over 60 chapters of the National Urban League Young Professionals (NULYP); itself a volunteer auxiliary of the National Urban League. RIYP was formed in November of 2002.

MISSION: The mission of RIYP is to engage persons, age 21 to 45, throughout the state of Rhode Island in the Urban League's mission toward elimination of racial discrimination and segregation in the state, the achievement of parity for minorities and the poor in every phase of American life. As a volunteer auxiliary of Urban League of Rhode Island, RIYP is dedicated to bringing the next generation of leaders into the Urban League movement to develop proactive and innovative solutions to challenges our society faces. RIYP strives to create stronger communities and heightening social consciousness among its members through community service, networking opportunities, personal & professional development, and political & social advocacy

FOCUS: RIYP supports its affiliate and the National Urban League to employ a 5-point approach in order to provide economic empowerment, educational opportunities and the guarantee of civil rights for African Americans and underserved communities:

- **Education & Youth** Empowerment ensures the education of all children by providing access to early childhood literacy, out-of-school time programs, an emphasis on post-secondary success and resources that support parents as their children's first teacher.
- **Economic** Empowerment invests in the financial literacy and employability of adults through job training, homeownership and entrepreneurship.
- **Health & Quality of Life** Empowerment promotes community wellness through a focus on prevention, including fitness, healthy eating and access to affordable healthcare.
- **Civic Engagement & Leadership** Empowerment encourages all people to take an active role to improve quality of life through participation in community service projects and public policy initiatives.
- **Civil Rights & Racial Justice** Empowerment guarantees equal participation in all facets of American society through proactive public policies and community-based programs.

GOALS: Now, in its 2nd century of providing direct service to historically underserved communities, the National Urban League is committed to achieving the following four empowerment goals by 2025:

- *Every American child is ready for college, work and life.*
- *Every American has access to jobs with a living wage and good benefits.*
- *Every American lives in safe, decent, affordable and energy efficient housing on fair terms.*
- *Every American has access to quality and affordable health care solutions.*

LEADERSHIP: RIYP is governed by a 5-member Executive Board, and has the following committees for its members and benefactors to join in their support of the Movement:

*Advocacy & Civic Engagement
Finance
Marketing & Communications
Personal & Professional Development
Social & Cultural Affairs*

*Community Service
Funds Development
Membership
Policies & Procedures
Website*

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS:

General Body Meetings (*Monthly*)
NULYP Join Week
Annual Conference & YP Summit
Volunteering & Mentoring
National Day of Empowerment
Legislative Policy Conference

Professional Workshops
National Day of Service
State of Black America™ (*Annual*)
Networking & Engagement
Emerging Leaders Program
Urban Leadership Development Conference

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