



African American Young Ladies Summit (AAYLS)

Because Black Girls Matter.

Our Mission

To create holistic village practices that value, empower, and equip young women with the tools they will need for a lifelong journey of personal success and achievement.

Our Why

Because Black Girls Matter. Black girls are the most likely group of girls to self-identify as leaders and to seek leadership experience. * But because of institutionalized racism and sexism, they are disproportionately likely to experience trauma, they are less likely than their peers to graduate high school on time, and they comprise the fastest growing segment of the youth justice system. Girls of color deserve systems of care and empowerment that are specialized for their experiences, aspirations, and needs.

Our Story

Higher Learning U, and its primary program African American Young Ladies Summit (AAYLS), was founded in 2017 to connect, uplift, and empower Black girls in Denver Public Schools, and to foment youth-led solutions to address the systemic challenges girls of color face across Metro Denver. From an inaugural event, Higher Learning U has grown to host year-round global programming, answering the call from women and girls.

Our Difference

- BELONG** to an Equitable & Inclusive Community
- GROW** from Multigenerational Mentorship & Coaching
- LEARN** with College & Career Enrichment & Support
- LEAD** through Community Action

Engagement in AAYLS affirms:

- Academic scholarship (Present & Future)
- Overcoming racial barriers in society, school, and in life
- Afro-beauty (Beauty, Fashion, History and Art)
- Community Engagement & Financial Stability
- Belonging, Health & Connecting
- Leadership, Advocacy, Self-worth & Confidence

Calendar 2023-2024

Issues 2 Action (Virtual)	October 27st
Summit VII (Colorado Community Church-CCC)	December 7 th
Global Leadership Retreat (Orlando)	February 15 th -19th
Sista 2 Sista (3 rd - College) (CCC)	March 7 th
Black Excellence Showcase (Hamilton Mid.)	April 26th
Africans in Diaspora Global Sojourn	June & July

Interested Parent, Schools or Groups Should

Sign-up [Here](https://forms.gle/fScfRxYCRKF3TQRBA): <https://forms.gle/fScfRxYCRKF3TQRBA>