

Our Young Volunteers

have always answered the call.



1952 UH Y Frosh Camp at Camp Erdman



1926 Honolulu YMCA delegation to Asilomar (Pacific Grove, Calif) Student Conference

Since our founding in 1869, volunteers have been essential to fulfilling our Y's promise to strengthen community. HI-Y and University Y Clubs established in the early 1900s empowered local teens and college students to give back to their communities. That spirit of young servant leadership continued to flourish through the decades and today, student volunteers are meeting critical social needs that have expanded far beyond their school campuses.

Atherton Y College Student Board volunteers work with leaders and organizations across Hawaii to offer hundreds of young adults each year opportunities to make a difference in their communities.

Resident children at the Institute for Human Services are visited by college students on Saturdays where they are inspired and nourished in spirit, mind and body with a range of activities. In Girl Power, mentors help intermediate school-age girls build self-esteem. And Y-Tutors recruits college students to provide extra attention to close the achievement gap faced by kids in underserved communities.

Y volunteers serve as mentors for the YMCA Youth and Government and Y College Camp programs. The Youth and Government program teaches students ages 11 to 17 how to be changemakers in the political process. Y College Camp helps high school students in underserved communities make higher education a reality.

On top of these programs, volunteer student board members lead the Atherton Y Branch's Annual Campaign that has raised thousands of dollars.

Many Y college student volunteers, like Jay-R and Jediah, were former recipients of Y services. Y College Camp ignited Jay-R's commitment to not just get into college, but to excel. Jediah found her voice and passion for service as a Youth and Government delegate. Both Jay-R and Jediah now serve as volunteers and mentors for the same programs that helped them.

"The Y has fueled my personal growth and passion to learn about and discuss local and global current events and to pursue a career that will address America's greatest issues," says Jediah, Atherton Y Student Board Volunteer."



1986 Atherton Y Student Leaders



"The Y has not only made an exciting career and future a reality for me, but continues to provide me with opportunities to help many other young people achieve their best futures, too!"

– Jay-R, Atherton Y Student Board Volunteer