

# A Year of



# Resilience

BY JENNIFER CUMMINGS, CONGRESSMAN CUMMINGS DAUGHTER AND ECYP BOARD MEMBER

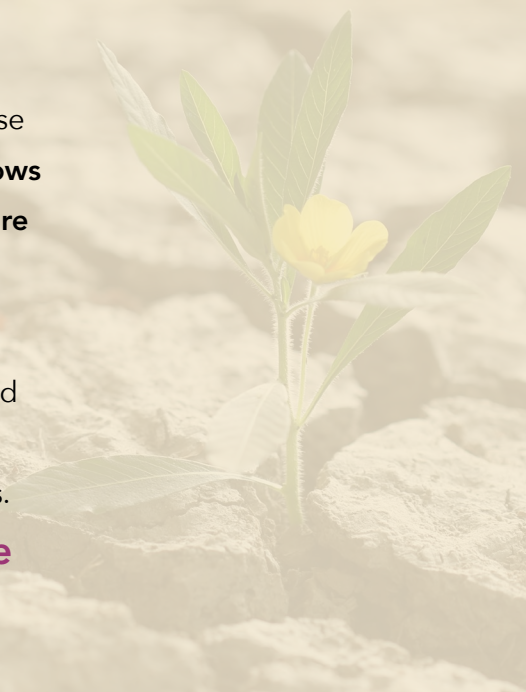
**O**ver the past year and beyond, the ECYP community—all of us—have experienced tremendous change. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we work, the way we learn and the way we engage with each other. But what the pandemic has not changed is the mission critical work of ECYP, the resilience of our fellows and the strength of our fellowship.



Like 2020, this year has been challenging. **Since the beginning of the program year, the ECYP community has come together to ensure that we continue to provide enriching leadership programming for our students.** While the pandemic presented an obstacle to in-person convening early in the year, ECYP took to Zoom for the second year in a row and found new ways to engage our fellows. From virtual online learning sessions and interactive discussions to community service projects, the rich dialogue and sharing of diverse perspectives has continued. **These powerful moments where fellows learn from each other and gain an understanding of those who are different from them are at the heart of what ECYP is all about.**

In early October, I had an opportunity to participate in one of these discussions with our students. The focus was legacy. I was so amazed by the brilliance of our young people and the way they present their unique ideas and connect with each other by building bridges.

**I told them that when I reflect on my father's life and think about his legacy, I see them. I see the resilient ECYP fellows — living legacies.**



## Justice is Not Just Us

This year ECYP's Social Justice fellowship program continued to focus on challenging conversations around racism, antisemitism, and inequality. With the leadership of WYPR's **Aaron Henkin** and with support from Loyola University students, the fellows created and produced "Justice is Not Just Us," a podcast series focusing on topics of race, education and prison-reform. Listen to the podcasts here: [www.spreaker.com/show/justice-is-not-just-us](http://www.spreaker.com/show/justice-is-not-just-us)



## Congratulations to our Class of 2021

100% of the Class of 2021 graduated from high school!

THE ECYP CLASS OF 2021 IS ATTENDING:

- Bowie State University
- Community College of Baltimore County
- Howard University
- Junita College
- North Carolina Central University
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- University of Maryland, College Park

## Alumni Outcomes:

**92%** of our eligible college alumni are currently enrolled in college

**95%** of our ECYP alumni have graduated from college

## ECYP Alumni

BY SAVOY ADAMS, CLASS OF 2019

**"The dream is free, but the hustle is sold separately."**



This is a quote that I try to embody 110% through my college journey. This quote is something that I say often and also makes me think of the late Congressman Elijah Cummings. A man who walked the walk and talked of the dream that matched his hustle. By hustle I mean the deep hunger, the passion to pursue everything he put his mind too. That even though he experienced hardships in his life, he used them as steppingstones in life. **That I only have one choice as Congressmen Cummings would say "I only have 1 minute." That yes, college will be challenging and there will be hardships, but I only have 1 minute, only sixty seconds in it... but eternity is in it.** That as I navigate through the journey of college, I remember that and I must make the most out of every minute of it.

## Live Each Day to Impact Someone

BY SAMUEL SCOTT, ECYP BOARD CHAIR AND ALUM CLASS OF 2001



It is 2021 and although we are still in the midst of the pandemic, the Elijah Cummings Youth Program has continued to engage young people in the 7th Congressional District. Our fellows are meeting virtually and in person. The annual recruitment program selected 13 new students for the class of 2023, and the class of 2022 is finishing up their final year of the two-year fellowship program.

This summer, we held the virtual graduation of the class of 2021—the last group to be selected by the late congressman. When we asked the fellows what they wanted their legacy to be, they said, **"Live each day to impact someone, to empower all members of our society to overcome inequalities and to exemplify the leaders in our communities and bring to light the positivity society has to offer."**

Our board is continuing to grow with the recent addition of **two new board members: Rabbi Daniel Burg and retired NFL Player and Non-Profit Leader, Torrey Smith.** We are very excited for them to join us in carrying forth the legacy of Congressman Cummings.

During the fall, we held a ceremony at the Cummings Court House to unveil **a mosaic of Congressman Elijah Cummings, which was hand-crafted by Art with a Heart.** We had a great turnout which included:



current and former Board Members, Alumni, Congressman Kweisi Mfume, Mayor Brandon Scott, Maya Cummings, chief Judge Audrey Carrion, and members of the community.

**Congressman Cummings has inspired us to be brave and keep fighting every day for our beliefs.** His legacy has kept our organization strong during these challenging times. In closing, we thank our students, parents, alumni, staff, board, and donors for your continued support of our program.

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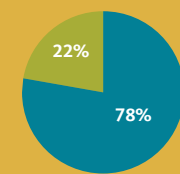
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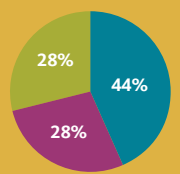
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### 2021 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



#### REVENUE

- Contributions
- Investment Income



#### EXPENSES

- Program Services
- Administrative
- Development

## What is ECYP

ECYP invests in promising teens from Maryland's 7th Congressional District and prepares them to serve as open-minded leaders with the skills, community ties, and global exposure critical to success in a diverse society.

## Our Work

The Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel (ECYP) builds leaders equipped for the future. For two decades, ECYP's vision is a world guided by ambassadors of cross-cultural relations who have high expectations of themselves and are committed to working for a better tomorrow. In 2020 ECYP served 25 fellows in two cohorts who represented the Classes of 2020 and 2021. The fellows participated in virtual leadership training and community service.

Please consider making a year-end donation today and help us continue to shape Baltimore's future leaders as we begin to meet in person again.

- A \$50 gift provides supplies for our leadership program.
- A \$100 gift helps ECYP subsidize transportation costs for students who need help getting to and from programs around the 7th district.
- A \$500 gift supports our February teambuilding program at Pearlstone.
- A \$1,000 gift provides one round trip airline ticket to Israel for one ECYP fellow.

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