

Spotlight on CYLC - De Anza College

The California Youth Leadership Corps (CYLC) is a statewide partnership created to prepare the next generation of young people from marginalized communities to become community organizers and change agents in their local communities while earning a college credential at a community college. Participants earn a living wage participating in community-building internships at local social justice nonprofits, while pursuing a certificate through a learn-and earn community change career pathway program. While enrolled, students receive robust academic, and social-emotional supports; career advising; and leadership development and mentoring to help them succeed. De Anza College is one of five California pilot sites launching learn-and-earn community change career pathway programs.

For the past 12 years, De Anza College's Certificate in Leadership and Social Change has prepared students to pursue a career working in the nonprofit sector and/or to transfer to a four-year degree. Graduates have gone on to be significant community leaders in the Silicon Valley. Through the new collaboration with CYLC, De Anza is able to recruit students who were not already in college and provide them with a transformational experience. CYLC students leave the program seeing themselves as people able to create change.

CYLC students

- ✓ Can earn up to \$10,000
- ✓ Are paid a living wage of \$19.87/hour for work that benefits their communities
- ✓ Engage in power-building and leadership development
- ✓ Receive holistic academic, social-emotional, and career advising supports to succeed
- ✓ Core classes evenings, on line, synchronous

CYLC-De Anza students in their own words

"With the information and knowledge I have gathered, I plan to do more. I have always doubted whether I am qualified to help anyone. Now, however, I will take initiative." Leilani Gonzalez



"This class made me feel that I want to go back to school! I learned so much already about power - how we need to do something to see the actual power, the struggles, not just to share the same thoughts, BUT to actually stand up for that and take the action and steps to make that change." Angel Benito

Community Partners for CYLC-De Anza College

CYLC at De Anza is currently looking for community partners to host our students. Partners receive a \$350 stipend per student per quarter. Please reach out to program coordinator Brenda Carrillo for more information: romerocarrillobrenda@fhda.edu.