

First and foremost...

We want to thank the parents of our fellows and our fellows themselves. Without them, none of this would be possible, so from the bottom of our hearts, we extend our deepest gratitude!

June 7th marked the first official day of programming and the rest has been history! Since that day, we've had ten classes where we delved into concepts ranging from The Art and Importance of Communication to Entrepreneurship amongst many other topics. Our lessons employ a Socratic approach to learning, and we make an effort to ground our teaching in the fundamental basis of teamwork, leadership, and of course educational advancement. Fellows have also participated in workshops, where they furthered skills they'll use in their academic and professional fields such as effective public speaking and presentation tips, to create a first version of their resume that they'll continuously update as they continue with their academic achievements and career advancements.



In our program...

We asked all of our fellows to give us their dream universities and do research on admissions statistics and major(s) of interest, as we intend to do everything in our power to set them on the path to not only attend these schools, but work to receive scholarships for attendance as well, as college is expensive! Additionally, we asked about occupations they hope to work in in the future and matched each fellow with a mentor that is already established in this space to give them information on what it took to get to where they are now and answer any questions the fellows may have. We managed to get assistance from world class professionals in psychiatry, law, and anaesthesiology, amongst other medical fields. We're extremely thankful for our mentors for taking the time to inform our fellows and help them pursue their dreams.



During our 2023 Summer Program...

We've also had three incredible guest speakers so far that were unique and highly instructive for our fellows. Our first speakers, Tomari and Demari Harris, came and talked about their entrepreneurial endeavors and the establishment of their business empire that is Nation of Barbers. Next, we had Arizona Beach Volleyball standout Abby Russell come and talk about education and college athletics, and her journey to college success while growing up in Tucson. Most recently, we had Harvard men's Basketball Assistant Coach Mike Sotsky come in and talk about the role of teamwork in life as well as how one can "set the table" and prepare themselves to be successful in any industry they plan to enter.

Looking forward:

July is going to be an exciting and work-filled month for the program! Each fellow has been tasked with creating and implementing a community impact project by the end of July and the ideas they have come up with are amazing and will create change in their respective communities. We look forward to keeping you updated on these projects and showing off all they have been able to accomplish. Our last day will be Wednesday, July 26th, and we will be holding a last-day banquet to celebrate the hard work they've put in this summer. Parents will be invited and we'll send communications out ASAP with more information.

We wish you all a great July from our Next Ones Up family!

Our Mission Statement:

Next Ones Up is cultivating the next generation of leaders and problem solvers through youth education and mentorship, resulting in wide-scale community impact and a better world for all.

About Us:

Founded by Tucson local and Harvard student-athlete Evan Nelson in 2023, The Next Ones Up Initiative hopes to educate the youth and future leaders of Tucson and to help them realize their change-making potential by pairing fellows with mentors in their areas of interest and helping fellows shape a vision for their futures.



Next Ones Up is a non-profit organization and is in the process of becoming 501(c)3 tax exempt.

However, donations are greatly appreciated!!

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