

Young African Leaders Family Day

Are you interested in hosting some of UGA's visiting civic engagement leaders from Sub-Saharan Africa for the day? This is an informal opportunity for cultural exchange to get to know one of the visiting [Mandela Washington Fellow](#) leaders during their stay at UGA this summer. (See below about this program and the participants.) You are also all invited to our opening event to celebrate their arrival at the family-friendly and FREE Africa in Athens celebration, Georgia Museum of Art on Saturday, June 22 from 12-3pm.

Requirements:

1. Pick-up your guest (you can host more than 1 Fellow if you like!) at their residence in Athens on the UGA campus.
2. Introduce your guest(s) to your local community (either just your family or a community activity).
3. Provide a meal: lunch or dinner, depending on time of pick-up.
4. Drop-off your guest(s) at residence in Athens on the UGA campus.

Suggested Activities:

- Visit a local downtown area outside of Athens (Watkinsville, Atlanta, etc.).
- Share a meal in your home.
- Take your guest to an event at your church/place of worship.
- Visit a favorite spot or cultural site that your family loves to share with guest(s).
- Take your guest(s) to a local sports event.
- Teach your guest(s) cornhole, pickleball, or any yard games!
- Share a cold beverage on a hot summer day at your favorite local watering hole and just talk!

Dates:

- Saturday, June 29
- Sunday, June 30
- Saturday, July 6
- Sunday, July 7
- Sunday, July 21

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, the flagship program of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), empowers young leaders from Sub-Saharan Africa through academic coursework, leadership training, mentoring, networking, professional opportunities, and local community engagement. Since 2014, the U.S. Department of State has supported nearly 6,500 young leaders from 49 countries across Sub-Saharan Africa to develop their leadership skills and foster connections and collaborations with U.S. professionals. The cohort of Fellows hosted by the University of Georgia, funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), will be part of a group of 700 Mandela Washington Fellows hosted at 28 educational institutions across the United States. The six-week Institutes support the development of Fellows' leadership skills through academic study, skill-building workshops, and collaboration with Americans. Each Institute also offers insights into U.S. society through site visits and cultural exchange. The Institutes strengthen connections between the United States and Africa and establish enduring partnerships between Fellows, local communities, and private businesses.

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