



young preservationist profiles

Noel Jenkins

Noel was a YPA intern in 2007. He is currently studying History at California University of Pennsylvania.



Noel Jenkins served as YPA's intern during the summer of 2007 while he was a high school senior at City High Charter School. Noel became involved in YPA's effort to stabilize and recognize the first home of the National Negro Opera Company in Pittsburgh's Homewood neighborhood.

The house had served as the home of America's first black opera company, started by Mary Cardwell Dawson. Noel helped YPA re-dedicate a historical marker outside the house, which had been torn down. He also assisted with a cleanup operation later that fall. Noel just happened to live down the street from this large, 1894 Victorian. Noel embodied YPA's objective: to undertake projects that have a direct impact upon the young people in the neighborhood.



YPA fueled Noel's interest in history. He is an inquisitive and enthusiastic individual who seeks answers to important historical questions—insights that will serve him well in college and beyond.

Noel attends California University of Pennsylvania, and a newspaper article from May 2011 noted that he became involved in an important project to help historical societies better preserve their archives. The project is designed to give hands-on experience to students who might aspire to work in museums. Someday, perhaps, many of the region's historical mysteries may be solved by Noel Jenkins.

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