



# U.S. YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL FOR THE UN OCEAN DECADE

6th Cohort September 2025 – May 2026

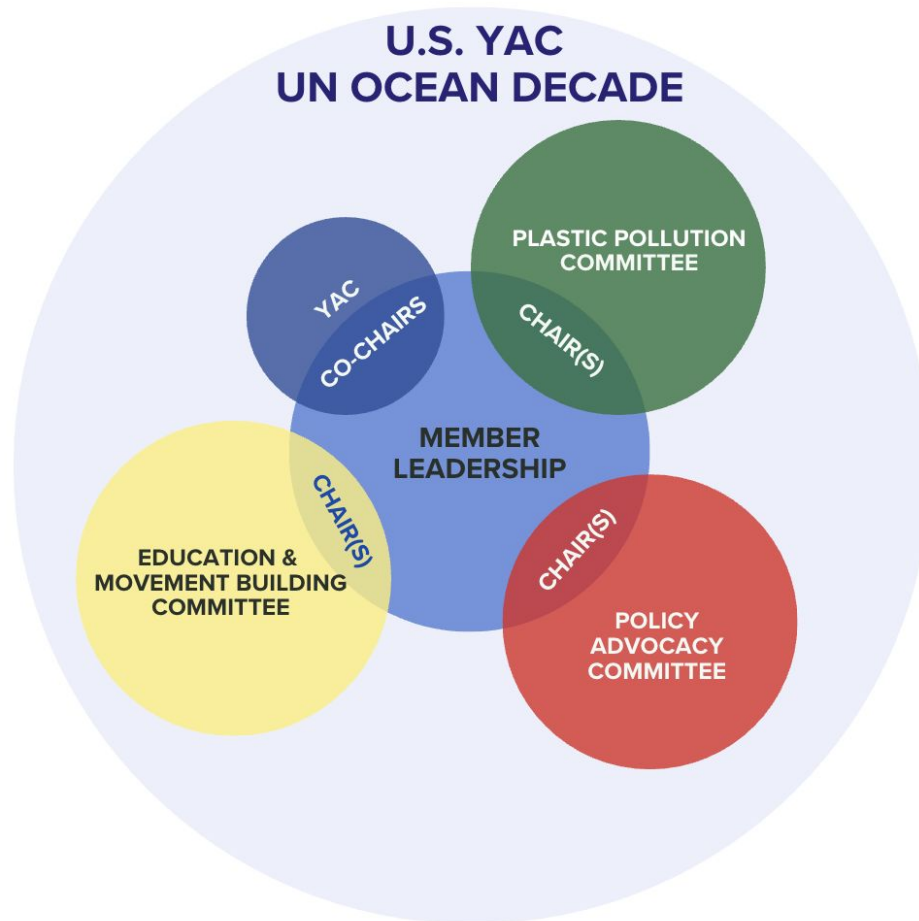
## Locations Represented

Arizona	Michigan
California	New Jersey
Colorado	New York
Florida	Pennsylvania
Georgia	Rhode Island
Guam	Saipan
Hawaii	Texas
Illinois	Virginia
Maryland	Washington

## Alumni Support Team Interns:



## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE







**Goal: Each member hosts 2 Brand Audits during the term with business sponsorship and presents to school or community about impact of plastic pollution.**

- **What's a Brand Audit?**
  - Citizen science initiative counting/documenting brands of plastic waste found at our coasts and waterway shores.
  - Identifies corporations most responsible for plastic pollution.
- **U.S. YAC UNOD alumni will return to conduct a workshop to prepare members**
- **Impact:**
  - Gathers data for a global data repository to inform policy making to hold corporations responsible, such as 2023 *Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act*.
  - Used by *Break Free From Plastic* coalition in annual reports.

**Call to Action:** Know a business that might sponsor a plastic pollution brand audit? Let us know! [info@h200.org](mailto:info@h200.org)

**Goal: Raise awareness and educate others on the 10 Ocean Decade Challenges.**

**Impact:**

- Each member will deliver at least **3 presentations** at schools, communities, or high-level opportunities **based upon our Ocean Decade Challenges Toolkit**, and
- Each committee member will introduce the toolkit to at least **1 school for teachers** to use.

**Why this Toolkit Matters:**

- Includes **youth perspectives** and **interactive exercises**.
- Created by **former U.S. YAC UNOD cohorts**

**Call to Action:** Know a school, community, or opportunity for us to present?  
Let us know! [info@h200.org](mailto:info@h200.org)





**Goal:** Plan and execute a **virtual Hill Days event** in March or April.

- Speak with **60+ lawmakers**.
- **Focus on Appropriations** considering Congressional cycle.
- **Support:**
  - Guided by a **policy expert** to understand appropriations.
  - Members will benefit from **returning members' experience** from last year.
  - How-to-speak-to-lawmakers workshop will be conducted by a U.S. YAC UNOD alum.



**Anna's Adventure:  
A Farming Fright!**



**Kaia's Plastic Pollution Solution**



**Wild Rice and the Web of Life**



**WE ARE FINALIZING OUR CHILDREN'S BOOK!**



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