



HISTORY OF YP NASHVILLE

In 2000, the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce began looking at the importance of YPs and what qualities attract YPs to our region.

- The long-term prosperity of the region is reliant on attracting and retaining a strong representation of young professionals in our workforce.
- The Nashville area's economy is among the most diverse of that in any U.S. region. As a result, Nashville continues to attract the highest-quality young professional workers in all business sectors, and "smart companies follow smart people."
- It is important to create an environment where YPs get engaged and connected through groups such as the organizations that we partner with.

In 2002, five young professional organizations' presidents and officers began meeting to share ideas and cultivate a mutual understanding and collaboration.

- Though each of the represented organizations maintained a unique mission, they all shared similar challenges and opportunities, much like YP Nashville does today.
- Recognizing that most YP organizations in Middle Tennessee had operated independently without much collaboration in years past, the group realized the value of working together.

In 2005, the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce partnered with these YP organizations.

- We have collaboratively offered community-wide programs and opportunities for YPs across Middle Tennessee, such as this web site, the Nashville Emerging Leader Awards, a series of networking events, a World Café and a mayoral forum.

Today, YP Nashville has grown into a much larger collaboration of nearly 50 young professional organizations in the Nashville area.

- The presidents of organizations that partner with YP Nashville have the opportunity to gather several times each year to collaborate, share ideas, and provide support and leadership to young professionals on a broader scale in Middle Tennessee. They also have the opportunity to meet with community leaders such as Mayor Karl Dean.
- YP Nashville promotes all of the YP organizations' events, spotlights different YPOs each month and provides this unique web site as a source of information and direction for all YPs in our region.
- YP Nashville also hosts between four and six events annually that are open to all young professionals in the area.

PAST YP NASVHILLE CHAIRS

2015-2016 Ashford Hughes, Sr.



2014-2015 Amanda Mazzo



2013-2014 Mary Beth Ikard



2012-2013 LeShane Greenhill



2011-2012 Jill Taylor



2010-2011 Brian Taylor



2005-2010 Adam Small

