

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

2024 Black 14 Social Justice Summer Institute

University of Wyoming | Laramie, WY

July 14 - 25, 2024

High school juniors and seniors with a passion for social justice are encouraged to apply! There are a limited number of spaces

Flight accommodations, housing, and meals are all covered by the [University of Wyoming Alumni Association](#) and [Foundation](#).

APPLY BEFORE APRIL 19, 2024

In 1969, the Black 14, a group of Black UW football players, protested racial injustice by seeking permission to wear black armbands during a game against Brigham Young University. This action led to their suspension, with official apologies issued by the university in 2019. Inspired by their legacy, the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, along with the Social Justice Research Center, established the Black 14 Social Justice Summer Institute.

The B14SJSI focuses on developing leadership, social justice, and diversity skills, fostering confidence, personal ethics, and advocacy. Through activities promoting community strategies, curiosity, and understanding historical context, the program creates a safe space for self-reflection and examination of personal biases. The outcomes of the 2023 institute included student learning through lectures and a Photovoice project, with a participant emphasizing the Black 14's message about fighting for what is right.

The vision for the institute extends beyond, envisioning future changemakers equipped with a toolbox of skills for their communities. Participants build relationships, connect with shared experiences, and contribute to the working legacy of the Black 14. The program's impact is evident through scholarships, bridge programs, and the publication of student projects, highlighting the importance of continued investment and growth.

TESTIMONIALS

"The events that transpired during the fall of October 1969 will forever be part of our state and institutional history. Creating the Black 14 Social Justice Summer Institute is a way for the stories of each member of the Black 14 to be known and understood. Their individual and collective experiences are part of their legacy now, and for generations to come." – **Lidia Berhe, 2023 B14SJSI Student**

"This generation has a job, what can we do to individually and cumulatively find our purpose outside of negative actions and opinions?" - **Tynisa Huntington, Denver, CO**

"I think that this institute has a huge impact on me. Because I've been a part of this university and have done so much work both in and out of the classroom with social justice in mind, it means so much to me to be able to come back and be a part of this institute. I think of it as giving back to the community/university that gave so much to me. My hopes for the future of the B14 SJSI are that it continues every year. And with each passing year, the number of attendees grow." - **Jonét Jennings, 2022 and 2023 B14SJSI Peer Mentor**

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Social Justice Understanding & Action

- Expand creativity and imagination in students to explore new solutions and possibilities to social problems
- Develop listening skills & nuanced opinion-building skills
- Advocacy
- Promote community & self-care strategies
- Promote curiosity & pursuit of education for students

Cultural Understanding, Humility & Intersectionality

- Promote a sense of community amongst a diverse group of students
- Develop empathy & respect for diverse groups of people
- Promote autonomous & consensus decision-making, especially for marginalized groups
- Promote a safe environment to self-reflect & to examine personal biases

Leadership

- Develop confidence & identity of students
- Promote the success of Black students
- Develop personal ethics & values

ACTIVITIES

Educational Opportunities

- Service learning with the UW SLCE office
- Self-care and community care with the University Counseling Center
- Photovoice project worksessions and video/photo editing training
- Scholarly research ethics, and presentation with the McNair Scholars Program
- Restorative Justice Circle Session with RJUW
- Other guest lecturers, speakers and panelists including the Black 14 members themselves; local activists and organizers; UW faculty and teachers; local journalists; local politicians and other leaders; and more!

UW Campus and Laramie Experiences

- Downtown Mural Scavenger Hunt
- UW Athletics Tour/Meet and Greet with Coaches and Athletes
- UW Campus Tour with Admissions and special visits to the Multicultural Affairs Office and the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Outdoor Recreation: Vedauwoo hike/bonfire with the UW Outdoor Program

Free Time Fun

Bowling, pool tournaments, field games, board games, video games, putt putt golf, movies, and more!

Student Success Support

- How to Fill Out a College Application and Write a College Admissions Essay
- Financial Aid and How to Pay for College

Questions?

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Apply online before April 19, 2024 at uwyo.edu/black14