

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 250458)

RESOLUTION

Honoring the students of the PhillyBOLT academic year fellowship program for their dedication to community-led change and leadership development.

WHEREAS, PhillyBOLT (Build Our Lives Together) is a nonprofit organization committed to cultivating, supporting, and empowering grassroots leaders to drive community-led change, with a focus on elevating residents of low-income neighborhoods to lead transformative initiatives; and

WHEREAS, PhillyBOLT envisions a future where neighborhoods impacted by racial and economic injustice are thriving, led by the people who live there, and believes that the work of community transformation must be intergenerational, fostering a pipeline of leaders with lived experience; and

WHEREAS, PhillyBOLT's guiding principles, seeing problems as opportunities, being curious and asking "Why?", practicing radical candor, delivering outstanding experiences, doing the right thing rather than the easy thing, and always acting in service to the people, have been fundamental in driving positive change and empowering communities across Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, The BOLT Academic-Year Fellowship is a critical component of PhillyBOLT's mission, partnering with schools to integrate leadership development into the classroom, training high school students to serve as "coaches" who mentor their peers, creating a ripple effect of empowerment and skill-building within their school communities; and

WHEREAS, This year, students from West Philadelphia High School, Academy at Palumbo, Olney High School, and Sayre High School have been actively participating in the fellowship, dedicating their time, energy, and passion to building leadership and community-building skills among their peers; and

WHEREAS, These students, as part of the BOLT Academic-Year Fellowship, have committed to completing 120 hours of leadership training and mentorship, and have made a significant

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contribution to fostering a culture of civic engagement, social responsibility, and community resilience among Philadelphia's youth; and

WHEREAS, Through their hard work, these students are not only receiving valuable mentorship and leadership skills, but also demonstrate the transformative power of youth leadership and community-driven change, which are essential to building a more just, equitable, and thriving Philadelphia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor the students of the PhillyBOLT academic year fellowship program for their dedication to community-led change and leadership development

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deep appreciation to PhillyBOLT for its continued work to cultivate and empower grassroots leaders, ensuring that future generations of Philadelphians are equipped to lead and drive positive change in their neighborhoods and beyond.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the first day of May, 2025.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember O'Rourke

Sponsored by: Councilmembers O'Rourke, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson,
Gauthier, Landau, Brooks and Squilla