

Young Authors Conference

A Field Trip for Grades 4-8

March 15, 2024
May 28-31, 2024
8:30 am - 1:35 pm
Bethel University

Young Authors Conference (YAC) is an inspiring one-day field trip for students who love to read and write. Participants spend a day learning from and writing with professional Minnesota writers. They leave with new strategies and skills to express themselves more effectively, write more confidently, and bring their ideas and dreams to life.

Benefits to Students

- Experiencing an interactive day of learning that aligns with Minnesota Academic Standards in English Language Arts
- Practicing independence while navigating a college campus
- Discovering new writing skills and strategies taught by local authors
- Exploring a book fair hosted by Red Balloon Bookshop and sharing their writing during the Open Mic sessions



2023 Student Evaluation Data

- **96%** of students said they were encouraged and challenged to be better writers
- **98%** of students said they gained new writing strategies, ideas, and skills
- **94%** of students left understanding that strong writing skills are important in life

Student & Teacher Feedback

"It was awesome and now I want to be an author."

"This really got my mind thinking, thank you!"

"I wish I could do all the different sessions!"

"The kids were amazing—so creative and so brave to share their ideas, words, and stories!"

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