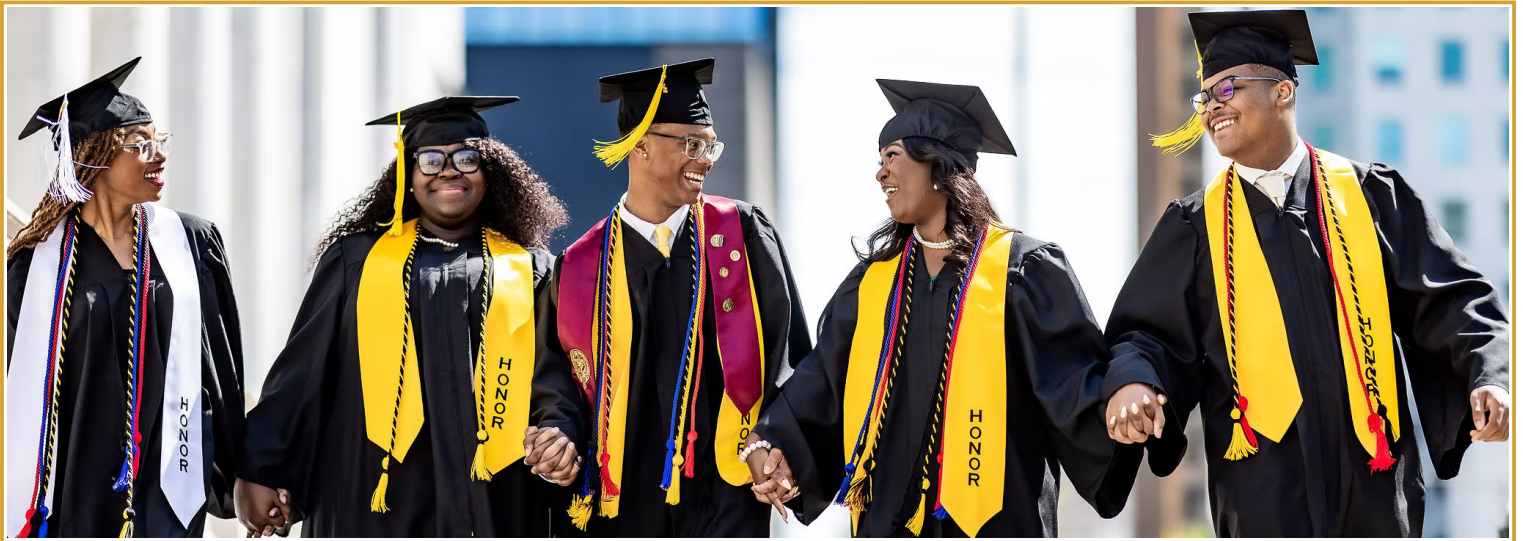


THE AMERICAN ACADEMY FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

2026-2027

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ORIENTATION AGENDA

STRATEGIZING FOR SUCCESS



THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH - THE BIBLICAL FOUNDATION OF THE YEAR'S THEME

MASTER INSTRUCTOR

Dr. Juliet L. Arrington

SEPTEMBER 8-10, 2026

8:00 AM-3:00 PM Daily

OPTIONAL COMPLETION AND MAKE-UP DAY

September 11, 2026

ACADEMICS | LEADERSHIP | SERVICE | TECHNOLOGY

DAY #1 - Welcome to AA-YP

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 | Enrollment Completion, Student Connections, and Understanding AA-YP

TIME	AGENDA ACTIVITY
8:00-8:15 AM	Opening Prayer and Morning Inspiration - Dr. Juliet L. Arrington
8:15-9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast and Student Check-In - Collection and verification of student records, enrollment documents, health information, emergency contacts, and outstanding fees
9:00-9:20 AM	Official Welcome to AA-YP - Dr. Juliet L. Arrington
9:20-9:50 AM	Student Introductions - Name, grade level, one personal strength, and one goal for the school year
9:50-10:20 AM	About AA-YP - Mission, Christian foundation, academic expectations, leadership development, community service, and school culture
10:20-10:30 AM	Morning Break
10:30-11:00 AM	The 2026-2027 Academic and Leadership Year - Theme, priorities, expectations, major projects, assessments, and student responsibilities
11:00-11:30 AM	Why Are You Here? - Understanding personal purpose, educational goals, leadership potential, and responsibility for success
11:30 AM-12:00 PM	Physical Education: Introduction to Tai Chi - Breathing, balance, focus, controlled movement, and stress management
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00-2:00 PM	Skills Assessment Profile: Student Self-Evaluation - Academic strengths, forgotten skills, priority gaps, study patterns, and personal goals
2:00-2:30 PM	Nehemiah Lesson and Strategize for Success: The Blueprint - Vision, Prayer, Assessment, and Decision. Study of Nehemiah Chapters 1-2, introduction to the Blueprint principles, and the Three Voices, One Blueprint activity
2:30-2:50 PM	Questions and Answers with Dr. Arrington
2:50-3:00 PM	Daily Reflection, Day #2 Instructions, and Closing Prayer

DAY #1 OUTCOME: Through Nehemiah's example, you will understand AA-YP's expectations and begin identifying the vision, purpose, goals, and responsibilities that will guide your school year.

DAY #2 - Preparing for Your Future

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 | Graduation, College Readiness, Leadership, and Academic Success

TIME	AGENDA ACTIVITY
8:00-8:15 AM	Opening Prayer and Morning Inspiration - Dr. Juliet L. Arrington
8:15-8:30 AM	Day #1 Review and Student Check-In
8:30-9:15 AM	Preparing for Graduation: The Class of 2027 - Graduation requirements, credits, GPA expectations, deadlines, senior responsibilities, and life after high school
9:15-10:00 AM	College Scholarships - Finding opportunities, understanding eligibility, organizing application materials, meeting deadlines, and presenting yourself professionally
10:00-10:10 AM	Morning Break
10:10-10:45 AM	College and Career Field Trips - Meaningful destinations, academic and career connections, planning, and student expectations
10:45-11:15 AM	Community and Global Service - Service opportunities, documentation of service hours, and leadership through service
11:15-11:35 AM	Attitude and Success - How attitude affects learning, relationships, discipline, opportunities, and leadership
11:35 AM-12:00 PM	Physical Education: Tai Chi - Focus, balance, posture, patience, and mental preparation
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00-1:35 PM	Study Habits That Produce Results - Time management, organization, assignments, note-taking, review, test preparation, and responsible technology use
1:35-2:05 PM	Critical Thinking - Asking strong questions, evaluating information, identifying assumptions, solving problems, and supporting conclusions with evidence
2:05-2:35 PM	Nehemiah Lesson and Strategize for Success: The Blueprint - Organization, Diligence, Integrity, and Focus. Study of Nehemiah Chapters 3-6 and application to academics, graduation, scholarships, service, and future planning
2:35-2:50 PM	Questions and Answers with Dr. Arrington
2:50-3:00 PM	Student Reflection, Day #3 Instructions, and Closing Prayer

DAY #2 OUTCOME: Following Nehemiah's example of organization, diligence, integrity, and focus, you will connect graduation, college preparation, scholarships, service, study habits, and critical thinking to your future goals.

DAY #3 - Technology and Advancement

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 | Artificial Intelligence, Certifications, College Courses, and Student Planning

TIME	AGENDA ACTIVITY
8:00-8:15 AM	Opening Prayer and Morning Inspiration - Dr. Juliet L. Arrington
8:15-8:30 AM	Day #2 Review and Student Check-In
8:30-9:30 AM	AI @ AA-YP - Artificial intelligence, responsible use, academic applications, career connections, ethics, safety, originality, and student expectations
9:30-10:15 AM	AI Student Exploration Activity - Identify a school, business, or community problem and explain how AI might help address it responsibly
10:15-10:25 AM	Morning Break
10:25-11:10 AM	Certifications - Professional and technical credentials, available pathways, requirements, timelines, and career benefits
11:10-11:35 AM	College Courses While in High School - Dual-enrollment opportunities, readiness, academic maturity, scheduling, credit, and personal responsibility
11:35 AM-12:00 PM	Physical Education: Tai Chi - Movement, concentration, breathing, and readiness for learning
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00-1:35 PM	Skills Assessment Profile Review - Understanding mastered skills, developing skills, and priority academic gaps
1:35-2:05 PM	Nehemiah Lesson and Strategize for Success: The Blueprint - Commitment to Completion and Rebuilding People. Study of Nehemiah Chapters 6-13 and personal application of the complete Blueprint
2:05-2:35 PM	My 2026-2027 Student Success Blueprint and Commitment Conversation - Academic, leadership, service, technology, and personal-development goals; each student shares one goal, one challenge, one needed support, and one commitment
2:35-2:50 PM	Final Questions and Answers with Dr. Arrington
2:50-3:00 PM	Orientation Summary, Student Charge, Closing Prayer, and Dismissal

DAY #3 OUTCOME: Using Nehemiah's commitment to completion, you will bring AI, certifications, college courses, assessment results, and personal commitments together in your 2026-2027 Student Success Blueprint.

Nehemiah Blueprint Activity and Completion Day

THE BIBLICAL FOUNDATION OF STRATEGIZING FOR SUCCESS | INDIVIDUAL FOLLOW-THROUGH

Three Voices, One Blueprint

The Book of Nehemiah is the biblical force behind AA-YP's 2026-2027 theme, **Strategizing for Success**. This activity supports the Nehemiah lesson and Blueprint discussion presented each day. It is designed for the three participating high-school students and strengthens communication, listening, collaboration, strategic thinking, and leadership.

1. THE VISIONARY	Identify one meaningful goal the group could accomplish during the 2026-2027 school year. Explain why the goal matters.
2. THE STRATEGIST	Develop three practical steps for achieving the goal. Identify one possible obstacle and one solution.
3. THE PRESENTER	Present the goal, strategy, obstacle, and solution clearly to Dr. Arrington. Invite feedback from the group.

After the first round, rotate roles so every student practices all three leadership responsibilities.

Optional Completion and Make-Up Day

Friday, September 11, 2026

September 8-11 covers four calendar days. To preserve the requested three-day orientation, September 11 is reserved for individual completion needs and is not part of the three full instructional days.

◆ Outstanding student records or fees	◆ Make-up skills assessments
◆ Individual Skills Assessment Profile conferences	◆ Graduation-plan, transcript, or credit reviews
◆ College-course and certification counseling	◆ Student technology setup
◆ Parent or student conferences with Dr. Arrington	◆ Completion of the 2026-2027 Student Success Blueprint

ORIENTATION GOAL: Every student will begin the academic year informed, assessed, focused, and prepared to take responsibility for academic excellence, leadership growth, service, and future readiness.