

# Guam student represents island at 2025 Young People's Continental Congress in Philadelphia

## Pacific Daily News

Kobe Miyashita, a student from Father Dueñas Memorial School, represented the island at the 2025 Young People's Continental Congress.

The application process for this national program required a team of one teacher and one 10th- or 11th-grade student to submit a joint application by Nov. 1, 2024. Applications included a teacher résumé, interest statements from both the teacher and student, an explanation for the student's selection, a teacher peer reference, and a parent/guardian permission form—all compiled into a single PDF. Accepted teams were notified by Dec. 9, 2024, and committed to an online civic education program from January to June 2025, followed by an in-person summit in Philadelphia.

The YPCC program officially began in January 2025 with virtual readings, discussions, and webinars that brought students together online to explore the founding era. It concluded with a week-long, in-person summit from July 14–18, where 27 students from across the United States and its territories gathered to connect, collaborate, and deepen their understanding of American history and civic life.

Throughout the program, Miyashita engaged in historical readings, online discussions, and virtual seminars that offered deep insight into key moments in U.S. history, such as the Boston Massacre, the American Revolutionary War, and the Civil War.

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Kobe Miyashita and Brian Galang at the 2025 Young People's Continental Congress held in Philadelphia.

as Philadelphia City Hall, Carpenters' Hall, Independence Hall, the Museum of the American Revolution, the Liberty Bell, the National Constitution Center, the National Liberty Museum, Independence National Historical Park, and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

One of the most memorable experiences was participating in interviews with ABC News and other media outlets and handling original historical documents, including the first handwritten draft of Pennsylvania's Constitution of 1776.

"It made me want to share what I've learned with my classmates back home and helped me recognize the significance of the Declaration of Independence and its lasting impact on our nation," Miyashita said. "I now feel more confident using my voice to educate others about our history and encourage civic engagement."

He represented Guam alongside Brian Galang, a Father Dueñas Memorial School teacher of AP World History.

Reflecting on the experience, Galang shared, "The whole YPCC program was not only exciting but enriching. It has given me, us, a better perspective of our nation's founding, journey, and establishment. To a great extent, this will 'revolutionize' the way I will teach the history of our nation. As it takes a village to raise an individual, it takes a nation to raise great citizens."

Their participation was

made possible thanks to the generous support of YPCC sponsors and supporters, who ensured that students from all backgrounds could take part in this transformative learning opportunity.

The Young People's Continental Congress is presented in partnership with Carpenters' Hall and is affiliated with National History Day.

To learn more, visit [www.carpentershall.org/yppcc2025](http://www.carpentershall.org/yppcc2025) or [www.nhd.org](http://www.nhd.org).



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Participants take a group photo at the 2025 Young People's Continental Congress held in Philadelphia.

lowed me to interact with different teams from across the nation," Miyashita said.

The trip to Philadelphia

was the highlight of the program. Miyashita and his fellow delegates visited iconic landmarks such

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Physical/Mailing Address:  
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Thursday, August 28, 2025  
at 10:00 a.m. (ChST)

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### MEETING AGENDA:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Confirmation of Publication
- III. Roll call
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Approval of Minutes
- VI. Administrator's Report
- VII. Legal Counsel Report
- VIII. Old Business
  - (a) Agency Reports (USNH, GMHA, GCC, GDOE, DPHSS, DPW, GPD, EMSC, EMD, GRMC)
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  - (a) Complaint
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  - (b) Certifications
  - (c) EMS Commission Composition
- X. Next Board Meeting
- XI. Adjournment

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