

# AYOTUNDE EJIKO

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LEADERSHIP EQUITY • DATA ANALYTICS • COMMUNITY IMPACT

## EDUCATION

**Cornell University, Ithaca, NY**

**Expected May 2028**

**Bachelor of Science, Information Science (Economics Concentration) | GPA: 3.92 | Division I Student-Athlete**

**Relevant Coursework:** Data Science, Machine Learning, Human-Computer Interaction, Policy Analysis, Product Management

## CORE COMPETENCIES

**Research & Analysis:** Survey research, equity analysis, statistical modeling, policy evaluation, program assessment, data-to-decision storytelling

**Student Voice & Equity:** Youth-led research, community engagement, belonging frameworks, culturally responsive practice, shared leadership systems

**Tools & Skills:** Python, Tableau, Excel, qualitative analysis, stakeholder communication, workshop facilitation, public speaking

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Advisory Committee Member**

**Jun 2025 - Present**

*DC Education Research Collaborative (Urban Institute) - Washington, DC (Hybrid)*

- Bring student voice and equity lens to education research informing policy and practice across DC public schools
- Engage in research briefings and working sessions on priorities including access, outcomes, and community needs
- Advise on translating data insights into actionable, student-centered recommendations grounded in lived experience

**Education Data & Innovation Intern**

**May 2025 - Aug 2025**

*DC Public Schools (DCPS) Central Office, Becoming Team - Washington, DC*

- Analyzed Panorama survey data from 10,000+ student responses to identify belonging, adult support, and respect trends across demographic and school subgroups
- Translated equity findings into stakeholder-ready insights for 5+ district leadership teams, informing program design, professional learning priorities, and district convenings
- Co-developed systems for shared leadership between students and adults, centering student voice in district decision-making
- Supported design and logistics for DCPS Culture Institute and district-wide convenings focused on belonging and safety

**Student Voice Council Member**

**Sep 2021 - Aug 2024**

*Mikva Challenge DC - Washington, DC*

- Partnered with peers and DC policymakers to elevate youth perspectives in education and community decision-making
- Conducted student-led surveys and synthesized findings into policy recommendations for district leaders
- Built civic engagement, public speaking, and facilitation skills through workshops and real-world advocacy

## POLICY ANALYSIS & WRITING

**K-12 Cell Phone Ban Policy Paper:** Evaluated proposed restrictions, weighing instructional focus, discipline equity, and implementation feasibility at school level

**Water Fluoridation Policy Analysis:** Analyzed community water fluoridation through public health evidence, ethics, fiscal tradeoffs, and political feasibility

**SDG 4 West Africa Education Brief:** Developed policy brief on improving foundational learning outcomes, translating SDG 4 goals into region-specific strategies

**ADU Housing Policy Paper:** Examined accessory dwelling unit reforms as housing supply strategy, focusing on regulatory barriers and rollout design

## RESEARCH & DATA PROJECTS

**Student Voice & Belonging Data Analysis (DCPS):** Synthesized Panorama survey trends and subgroup gaps; translated insights into data stories for programming and shared leadership

**Criminal Justice Equity Analysis (NYC, DC, LA, 2000-2024):** Time-series analysis examining arrest trends, policy reform impacts (marijuana legalization, stop-and-frisk), and persistent racial disparities across three cities

## LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY IMPACT

**Ambassador & Workshop Lead**

**Nov 2024 - Present**

*Black Student Empowerment - Cornell University*

- Led professional development programming ("Polished for Success") offering free headshots and personal branding support
- Serve as peer mentor and advocate for Black student support spaces; support planning, outreach, and community-building events

**Founder & President**

**Sep 2021 - Jun 2024**

*McKinley Tech High School Debate Team - Washington, DC*

- Founded school's first competitive debate team; coached new debaters and led team to regional and national recognition
- Designed outreach materials and internal communications to recruit members and strengthen team culture

**SPEAKING & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

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- DCPS MTSS Leads Institute: Shared student perspective on early intervention and whole-child support systems
- DCPS Culture Institute: Panelist on belonging, safety, and elevating student voice in district decision-making
- DCPS Summer Leadership Institute: Introduced Chancellor Lewis Ferebee at citywide convening for district leaders

**RECOGNITION & AWARDS**

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**Community Impact:** Right Direction Award (DC Office of Attorney General, 2024) | Pigskin Club Academic Award (2024)  
**Academic & Leadership:** Capital One Case Competition Winner (BILBCon 2024) | National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist (2023)  
**STEM Scholars:** AFCEA DC STEM Scholar | Boeing STEM Signing Day Honoree (2024)  
**Press:** Featured in The Washington Post (athletics + student leadership), Washington Informer (academic achievement)