

Cayden Brown is an 18-year-old American child rights defender and founder of The Trespass Project, a global nonprofit working to help underprivileged children understand their nations' legal systems. He has addressed several world leaders and been featured in Forbes and TIME. ABC has called him "the world's most influential juvenile justice advocate."

At just 16, Cayden was appointed as a Juvenile Defender for Oakland County's Teen Court, working alongside a team of attorneys and judges to reroute youth from the traditional criminal process and disrupt cycles of recidivism. He earned his first formal legal credential from Harvard Law School, studying the interplay of race and constitutional law through America's Reconstruction era. He has served on over a dozen advisory boards, leading international child rights research and policy discussions. His leadership has earned him seats as the youngest voice—on the United Nations Youth Peace Panel, at the U.S. Department of Justice, and as legal lecturer for civil rights icon Colin Kaepernick and Nike's Know Your Rights Camp.

His boldness in addressing world leaders positioned him as a defining figure in child rights—all before reaching adulthood. Honored by a former U.S. President with the 2020 Educational Achievement Award, named the youngest Youth Justice Advocate Awardee by the Michigan Center for Youth Justice, and recognized among the Top 100 National Black Lawyers, Cayden continues to make history protecting children at the highest levels worldwide.