



YOUTH ENRICHMENT SERVICES

YES Students Debut Album



As part of their independent summer project, Selena Williams and Jordan McNeal, both Pittsburgh CAPA graduates, are releasing their first album. They have worked tirelessly, pouring their hearts into every song and preparing for their album debut. When reflecting on the project, Selena referenced the passion she and Jordan share when singing. Selena noted: “We sang together for years, from choirs, to gigs, sitting and waiting at bus stops, to any time we are together. Music is what bonds us together for it offers us the platform to express and communicate with others. She further expressed, “We realize that it is scarce for youth to get paid for what it is they genuinely enjoy doing, so we seized the opportunity to do so with YES. We are finally receiving real job experience in the way we have always wished. It is fair to say that Jordan and I hope to create music to where

others can reflect and relate to our personal experiences. As artists, it is our duty to “reflect the times” as quoted by Nina Simone. We both know how connected music makes us feel to others. We hope that our music gives voice to experiences and emotions that are not always easy to express.” Stay tuned for future work done by Jordan and Selena.

Embracing Restorative Practice

YES staff have been working intentionally and diligently to incorporate restorative practice into our program delivery model process. Staff have done so by engaging in multiple trainings to develop their insights for implementation of this approach. Most recently, staff participated in Amplify Restorative Justice, an introductory training to racial and restorative justice. This training provided important insight and context into the historical significance - and application - of this concept, especially within educational settings.



Research Expo

It is a YES tradition to honor Learn & Earn participants with a Research Symposium and Awards Ceremony upon the completion of their 6-week employment experience. Due to the current world climate, YES will be unable to hold this annual event in person. In lieu of the Symposium, a virtual Research Expo will be held via Zoom on Thursday, August 13 from 4:30pm-

6:30pm. We invite all students, families, friends, and stakeholders to join us as we celebrate the hard work of Learn & Earn participants. To view students' projects from last year, [CLICK HERE](#).



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RESEARCH EXPO

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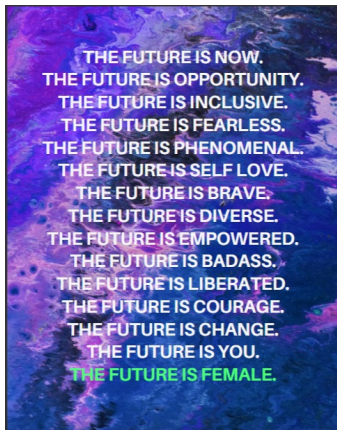


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Please join us in celebrating students' hard work & showcasing their research projects at our virtual research expo!

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YES Employee is a Coro Women in Leadership Graduate



YES' Mentoring Partnerships Coordinator, Stephanie Peterson, is a graduate of Coro's 23rd Women in Leadership (WIL) program. WIL is designed to connect Pittsburgh females to a positive peer group and to polish their skills in leadership, negotiation, management, facilitation, personal growth, and inclusive business practices. Stephanie was part of a team to develop an online magazine highlighting 'The Future is Female'. The zine is a compilation of professional females' stories about overcoming challenges and advice to the future. To read Stephanie's story, along with many others, [CLICK HERE](#).

School Supply Giveaway

The United Rays Corvette Club will be sponsoring an annual community school supply giveaway for children along with the Giant Eagle store in the East Hills area. The Club School Supply Drive Up will be held on Sunday, August 23 from 2:00pm-6:00pm. For more information, please contact Ruben Collins:

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