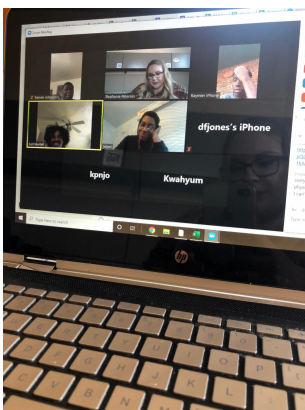




YOUTH ENRICHMENT SERVICES

Stay connected with YES and get the inside scoop on our students and staff.

School Year Programming is Underway!



School year programming is officially underway at YES. More than 50 youth are participating in academic enrichment, college prep, work readiness & mentoring programs. Though all programs are being held virtually, students are engaged and eager to stay connected through the school year. YES school year programming is open to all youth in Pittsburgh. To learn more about YES programming, [click here](#).

YES Students Add Value to the University of Pittsburgh

During summer 2019, Link Pietrusza and Keith Jamison, both Allegheny College students, were interns at the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Research on Media, Technology, and Health. In their roles, they partnered with researchers exploring social media and grief and supported the data analysis and coding of this project. After a year of work, the research these youth helped with has finally been published. These students are great examples of what YES youth can accomplish in partnership with other institutions.

[Click here](#) to review the entire article.

YES Students are Informing the Science

In 2017, our youth partnered with the Allegheny County Health Department and University stakeholders to conduct a youth participatory action research project addressing lead exposure in Lincoln Lemington. This project remains the catalyst for the health equity and environmental justice work in which our young people continue to engage and a model for other programs to follow. This



work now has the capacity to inform an even larger audience as the research birthed from this project was finally accepted into publication in the [Journal of STEM Outreach](#). The article specifically addresses the peer-teaching model we employed to assist students in learning geospatial techniques and applying them to their understanding of the social and environmental contexts that often heighten lead exposure.

Jamain Stephens: A Light in the Darkness

Sometimes we meet students with larger than life personalities, long-lasting legacies, and purpose-filled callings even in their youth. We consider it a joy to know these students and our job to cultivate an environment where they can foster and live out their destinies. This was true of Jamain Stephens who was affectionately known in our YES community as Big Fella.



Despite all the promise and purpose Jamain embodied, his life was cut short on Tuesday September 8, 2020, thirteen days before his 21st birthday. We extend our prayers to Jamain's family and friends during this difficult time and offer hope to those grieving his absence. Our community and world lost an extremely bright light in Jamain Stephens and felt it was important to reflect on what he meant to YES — and so many other people.

Please check out his tribute [here](#).

Seeking Mentors



It is our hope that students in our programs receive near-peer mentorship support. Given the changing nature of Universities, it has been challenging to identify and recruit mentors to support our youth. If you know of college age youth interested in mentoring high school youth, please reach out to Stephanie Peterson: speterson@yespgh.org.

Paid Opportunity for Youth

The Youth Media Advocacy Project (YMAP) empowers teens to express their own voices, particularly on education reform

and the school environment,
through the media.

This year's **virtual** YMAP program will take place with a small cohort from October 12th, 2020 through April 30th, 2021 and will include a number of weeks off for holidays and winter vacation. All 10 teen participants will receive **\$400** for their participation.

The participating teens will work in teams alongside Carlow University students and SLB Radio staff to develop an audio documentary about student voice and critical social justice issues. The audio documentaries will feature the work of YMAP students over the past 10 years, as well as the contributions of experts and community leaders.

[Click here](#) for the application and submit by Thursday, October 1.

IN GRADES 9-12? APPLY NOW!

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Work virtually with media experts, university students, & community leaders to create a youth voice & social justice audio documentary.

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