

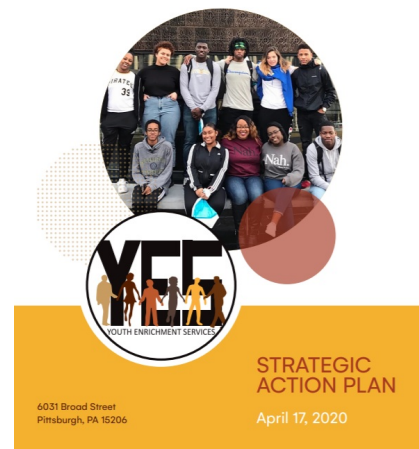


YOUTH ENRICHMENT SERVICES

On behalf of YES, we hope you are remaining safe during this uncertain time.

YES' Strategic Plan

After nine months of interviewing stakeholders, engaging with families, and listening to our students, YES completed its strategic plan and developed goals for the future. The two year plan provides a roadmap for YES' upcoming journey and lays the foundation for the strategic program opportunities of which YES will take advantage. YES expresses its gratitude to PACE and others who made contributions, large or small, to shape this monumental document.



Expanding Girls' Exposure to Sport & Health



Exposing girls to sport and creating equitable health opportunities remain priorities of YES. Building on three summers of sport and female empowerment



programming, YES recently submitted a proposal with the Pittsburgh Penguins to expand its efforts in providing high school girls the opportunity to gain exposure to non-traditional sports and to mentor young girls through sport. YES is hopeful to partner with the Penguins to continue shifting the narrative around girls' sport involvement.

Virtual Career Spotlight

In our "new normal", our students are connecting via Zoom to engage in programming. Our PAP students participated in their first virtual Career Spotlight Session in April. They were introduced to



engineering students from the University of Pittsburgh who provided insight into life as engineering students, internships available to engineering students, and navigating the challenges of engaging in a field in which they are underrepresented. Students asked a plethora of questions ranging from which courses to take to suggestions on study habits. All the information shared was extremely valuable for students and was relevant regardless of one's career interest or desired major. Our students enjoyed "seeing" college students who look like them and who are actively redefining the prototype of an engineer.

Learn & Earn Sign-Ups - 4 Weeks Left

Many questions about Learn and Earn are surfacing. Despite the uncertainty of the nation's climate, Learn and Earn will happen and students will have employment experiences. These experiences will look different than what was previously offered, but YES is committed to creating meaningful learning and employment experiences for students amid COVID-19.



Through virtual zoom parties and unique outreach approaches, YES is actively registering youth for Learn and Earn and is encouraging those who have yet to start applications to do so before the May 29th deadline. YES staff are continuing to reach out to youth and families throughout May to ensure students get connected to employment opportunities this summer. If you know any youth between the ages of 14-21 looking for a summer work experience, please visit [Learn & Earn's application website](#) For assistance with the application or questions about Learn & Earn, please reach out to Stephanie Peterson.

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PAP Year 2 is Approaching

As the pilot year of Pathways to Access Program (PAP) comes to an end, YES is eager to expand the program during the latter half of 2020. With the help of YES staff representatives, YES submitted a letter of intent to continue its partnership with Partner4Work. YES recognizes how meaningful work experiences and career exposure are for students - as such it remains committed to creating opportunities for its students to get connected to Pittsburgh's workforce and to receive training from industry professionals.

Student Resources

Children's National Hospital is hosting a series of youth town hall meetings titled COVID CONVOS. The 3 part series will take place May 6, 7 & 8 from 2pm - 3pm via Zoom. This is an opportunity for students to share the opinions and learn more about adolescent health and the effects of the pandemic. To register for the series, please [click here](#).

The Pittsburgh Promise and the Richard King Mellon Foundation are working together to offer financial support for high school seniors and current college students who are Promise recipients. The funding will be used for post secondary costs such as application fees, financial aid, dorm room essentials, food support, and much more. To learn more

about the grant visit the [Pittsburgh Promise Website](#).

2020 Highmark Walk



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is with a heavy heart that we announce the Annual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community will be a virtual walk this year.

Brandon Burns, Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community Director, announced the following: "With the recent updates by the CDC in regards to mass gatherings; we have made the decision to **modify** all seven of the 2020 Highmark Walks for a Healthy Community to an **online only fundraiser & virtual walk** for this year's campaign.

This contingency plan ensures that our participating organizations are still able to fundraise, a vital component of this event via our online system; while not putting our participants at risk of further spread of the COVID-19 virus in a mass gathering situation."

YES is still working hard to gather donations to support our organization. We are hopeful that with the support of our partners and stakeholders we can still reach our \$3,000 fundraising goal.

Please visit [YES' Highmark Walk Homepage](#) to learn more about joining our team and donating to our cause. All support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your continued support & stay safe!

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