



YOUTH ENRICHMENT SERVICES

Learn & Earn Kick Off

2020 Learn & Earn is underway! We are excited to continue this summer program on a virtual platform. Students are engaging in robust courses covering a variety of subjects such as Sports Management and Marketing, African American History and Social Justice, Culinary Arts & Nutrition, Technology and Gaming, and Business and Entrepreneurship. Participants will also spend the next 5 weeks compiling information for a research project that will be presented at the end of the summer. Students who are entering the 9th grade are part of the Summer Scholars cohort where they are developing leadership skills, exploring various careers, and engaging in academic enrichment.



YES Vets - Podcast Launch



While the majority of our students are working with industry mentors and YES staff members, our college students and recent high school graduates are working on independent projects. Keith Jamison and Glen Almon, Allegheny College juniors, are two students working together to launch their podcast, Deconstructing Male Fragility. This podcast is a step towards deconstructing male fragility and masculinity, hence the title. In other words, their aim is to “use the privilege [they] have as men to create conversations that focus on issues Black women face in America, with hopes to disabuse themselves and other men of the fallacies we possess and act off of everyday. To refrain from simply speaking for Black women, every week they will be inviting a Black woman to speak on her journey and life experiences, and with her, having honest conversations hoping that this

kind of discourse will transcend this platform and continue to be held in environments where it is needed. With this being a polarizing project, [their] goal is to create a dangerous space. By dangerous [they] do not mean violence. Instead, dangerous, is meant to convey radical honesty and vulnerability. [They] imagine this space to be a space where one is being honest with their interlocutors when engaging in discourse, but more importantly, honest with themselves when engaging in everyday life activities/events. While this is a learning process, more importantly it is a process of unlearning what [they] have been taught throughout [their] educational journey. [They] seek for this to be a process linked to the idea of Meliorism: where human effort (discourse, radical honesty, radical vulnerability) leads to the growth of all individuals and in return creates a better and safer world for all, but most importantly, Black women.”

Bridging the Gaps with The University of Pittsburgh

YES is fortunate enough to partner with the University of Pittsburgh, for a second year, through the School of Public Health's interdisciplinary Bridging the Gaps Program. This program provides diverse student health professionals the opportunity to extend their academic training to community contexts and to work directly with community-based organizations on issues and challenges unique to their populations. We are privileged to be working with three interns from Pitt's School of Medicine, School of Nursing, and School of Public Health who are contributing their unique perspectives, insights, and wisdoms and learning with - and alongside of - our youth. These individuals are specifically supporting our youths' community-based research projects and helping to facilitate our work on health literacy and COVID-19. We look forward to their continued commitment to our mission and students.



High School Graduation

Despite the unprecedented ending to their high school career, YES seniors have successfully graduated from high school! They are anticipating their post-secondary adventures and preparing for the world that awaits them. YES is excited to have played a small part in their journeys and wishes these students nothing but the best as they venture into their academic and professional careers.



Pittsburgh Corvette Club Donates to YES

In such difficult times, many local organizations and foundations have been glimmers of hope for the Pittsburgh community. Pittsburgh's

Corvette Club is no different as they have graced YES with a \$600.00 donation to invest in our summer youth programs. YES is eternally grateful for the recognition and financial support and our students are especially appreciative of the kind gesture they have extended.



Thank you for your continued support!

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