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YES

Youth Enrichment Services October 2016 Newsletter



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 25: [Gala Planning Committee Meeting](#) (YES Office - Boston)

Sunday, November 6: [Abel Harris Jr. Scholarship Ceremony](#) (Wonder Bar - Allston)

Sunday, November 13 - 15: [BEWI Ski and Snowboard Expo](#) (Seaport World Trade Center - Boston)

Thursday, December 22: [31 Nights of Lights Ceremony](#) (The Prudential Center - Boston)

New Logo - Same Mission!

Last month, YES debuted its new look which includes an updated logo and a vibrant, new color palette. Over the past six months, YES embarked on an in-depth and fully inclusive rebranding process.

While YES's logo has changed, our mission has not. YES will continue to be rooted in the vision of founder, Richard Williams. Our mission remains to inspire and challenge youth with physical and mental activities that foster life-long respect for self, others, and the environment.

A special thank you to the Putnam Investments Marketing team for their generous support on this project.

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UPDATED WEBSITE

Run the Boston Marathon for YES!

YES is thrilled to announce that we received four bib numbers for the 2017 Boston Marathon through the John Hancock Non-Profit Marathon program. Runners must commit to raising \$10,000 for YES in exchange for a bib. YES offers fundraising and training support to assist runners in reaching their goals. Applications are being accepted until **Friday, October 28**.

Looking for a reason to run with Team YES? Just ask past Team YES marathon runner, Kelly Fitzpatrick. "I ran for YES because I want to give all Boston youth the opportunity to experience and enjoy sports," says Kelly. "Running the Boston Marathon for YES was a life changing experience for me."



YES Marathon Runner, Kelly Fitzpatrick, at Heartbreak Hill.

Learn how to apply and how you can make a difference in the lives of YES youth. Make 2017 the year you run the Boston Marathon!

Thank you to John Hancock for supporting YES!

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(Top) 2013 Abel Harris Jr. Scholarship recipient and current Becker College student, Denzel Huggins. (Bottom) 2015 Abel Harris Jr. Scholarship recipient and current Massasoit Community College student, Polly Doogue. Both teens

Invitation to Join YES at the Abel Harris, Jr. Scholarship Ceremony

The YES community is cordially invited to attend the Abel Harris, Jr. Scholarship Awards Ceremony on Sunday, November 6 from 2 - 6 PM at Wonder Bar in Allston.

Abel Harris, Jr. was tragically killed while working at Bunratty's (now known as the Wonder Bar) on August 2, 1987. For the past 30 years, funds for the scholarship have been raised by Abel's former employer, David Giammatteo, along with friends Laura Stone-Martin and Bob "Sus" Susi to honor Abel.

The Abel Harris, Jr. Scholarship is a need-based award that is given annually to a YES youth enrolled in college who embodies the core values of youth leadership, positive power of mentoring, and a love of the outdoors.

In total, the scholarship fund has awarded more than \$20,000 to YES teens and helped more than 30 young people fulfill their dreams of a college education. The final scholarship awards will be distributed at the Scholarship Ceremony on November 6.

Kindly RSVP to Christine Brydges
cbrydges@yeskids.org by Sunday, October 30 to attend.

RSVP

are pictured with David Giammatteo,
Laura Stone-Martin, Bob Susi, and
YES Staff.

YES Expands College Prep Program to Cristo Rey High School in Dorchester

Teens from low-income backgrounds face many barriers to college access and success. YES is helping young people overcome these hurdles by offering a free-of-cost College Preparation program to Boston high school students beginning in ninth grade.

This fall, YES is expanding its College Prep program to students at Cristo Rey High School in Dorchester. The class meets weekly and covers topics such as effective study habits, college essay development, and college education financing. Students earn class credit while learning valuable skills that will help them get into college and succeed on campus.

"The College Preparation program at YES was founded in 2013. Since then, we have more than doubled the number of youth served," says Bryan Van Dorpe, Executive Director. "The new program at Cristo Rey is reaching a new demographic of YES's targeted teen population."

YES also offers the College Prep class at its South End office. The program is currently accepting applications from students in the 9th Grade.

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GOAL Girls Challenge Stereotypes and Build Self-Confidence

Girls in YES's Girls Outdoor Adventure Leaders (GOAL) program are provided with opportunities to explore new sports, improve self-esteem, and challenge gender stereotypes.

We recently sat down with 12-year-old Amelia to ask her about her experiences with GOAL. Amelia, who has participated in the GOAL program since 7th grade, remembers rock climbing for the first time at Thompson Island. On that day, she completed the daunting task of climbing the 62-foot Alpine Tower. "I didn't think I would have the strength or courage to climb that high," she recalls. But through self-determination and with encouragement from her fellow GOAL girls, Amelia successfully made it to the top.

Challenging activities like this have helped Amelia and her fellow GOAL girls build self-confidence, challenge the notion of what girls can do, and experience the outdoors in exciting new ways. The GOAL program meets year-round. **Applications are now being accepted for girls ages 11-14. [Click here to apply!](#)**



Amelia (L) is pictured at a special lacrosse clinic this summer. Lacrosse is a sport that many of the girls had never experienced before joining YES.

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