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## Youth Enrichment Services July/August 2017 Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

**Friday, July 28:** [New Balance Challenge](#) - FREE event for YES youth ages 7 - 13 (Harvard University/Cumnock Field, Allston)

**Saturday, July 29:** [Kids Day at the Boston Triathlon](#) - FREE entry for YES youth ages 15 and under (Carson Beach, South Boston)

**Thursday, August 17:** [4th Annual Martin Richard Memorial Mile Invitational](#) (Moakley Park, Saunders Stadium - South Boston, MA)

**Saturday, September 23:** [Tour de South Shore Athletic Festival](#) - Sign up to join Team YES and bike, walk, or "fun run" with us! (Wompatuck State Park - Hingham, MA)

**Thursday, October 5:** [Harpoon Beer Tasting](#) - Save the Date! The YES Young Professionals Committee will be hosting YES's annual Harpoon Beer Tasting on October 5. Tickets will be available September 1.

### The Round-Up: Recent Happenings at YES



Photo 1: YES youth enjoying a day of kayaking on Houghton Pond in Milton, MA.

Photo 2: YES Track & Field youth competing in a developmental track meet at Moakley Park in South Boston, MA. Over 300 youth will participate in YES's Track & Field program this summer.

Photo 3: Over 500 Boston youth will join YES on summer outdoor adventures this summer! One activity they will participate in is stand-up paddleboarding at Carson Beach in South Boston, MA.

## Set Up for College Success with YES

The Richard Williams Memorial Scholarship was established in 2006 in memory of Richard Williams, who founded YES in 1968. While he did not achieve more than an 8th grade education, Richard realized that education was the key to unlocking dreams. The Richard Williams Memorial Scholarship continues Richard's legacy by giving Boston teens the financial support to pursue a post-secondary education.

The 2017 Richard Williams Memorial Scholarship was awarded on June 19 to four outstanding YES teens: Julia Bowen, Chris Cadogan, Laura Mendez, and Anna Stefanov. These four students were selected based on their commitment to YES, dedication to giving back to their community, financial need, and academic merit. The scholarship will help the teens to pursue their dreams of going to college.



**2017 Richard Williams Memorial Scholarship Recipients:  
Anna, Julia, Chris, and Laura. (L to R)**

Since its founding, more than \$200,000 in scholarships has been awarded through the Richard Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund to YES teens. Many of the scholarship recipients are the first in their families to attend college.

[READ](#) more about YES's 2017 scholarship recipients >>

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## 4th Annual Martin Richard Memorial One Mile Invitational

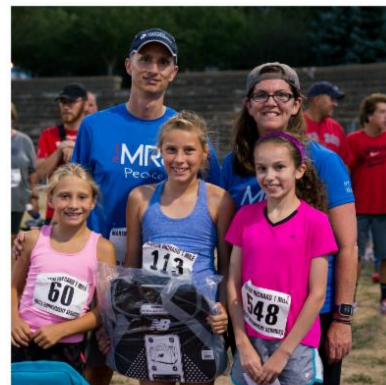
We invite you to join YES on Thursday, August 17 to celebrate the life of YES youth, Martin Richard, at the 4th Annual Martin Richard Memorial Mile Invitational.

The event will be held from 5 - 8 pm at Moakley Park in South Boston. Children, teens, and adults are invited to participate. The event includes 400 meter races, seeded and open mile heats, adaptive races, and a one-mile recreational walk/run. Runners who are blind or mobility challenged and wheelchair racers are encouraged to participate. All funds raised will support the Martin Richard Charitable Foundation and YES.

Martin Richard started his running career with YES in 2009 at age 5. In his early days, Martin chased his brother, Henry, and the older athletes, many of whom he would eventually catch up to and pass. His understanding of fairness, inclusion, and teamwork were values that helped to identify Martin. At the 4th Annual Martin Richard Memorial Mile Invitational, we will commemorate Martin and his zest for life by running in his memory.

[VIEW](#) photos from last year's invitational >>

[DISCOUNT CODE](#) for YES families. Click for information on how YES families can register at a 50% discount >>





## Boston Police Commissioner, William Evans, Visits YES Track & Field Program

As part of the Boston Police Department's ongoing efforts to foster positive relationships with youth and families, Police Commissioner William Evans visited YES's Track & Field practice at Moakley Park in South Boston on July 10.

Commissioner Evans spoke to YES youth and families about the Boston Police Department's efforts to build a safe community for everyone in Boston. After speaking to YES families, Commissioner Evans ran a lap around the track alongside the youth.

"It was an honor to have Police Commissioner Evans visit today and run alongside our youth in the Track & Field program," said YES Executive Director, Bryan Van Dorpe. "He understands firsthand the importance of a positive police presence in the community. YES is proud to be part of the Commissioner's efforts to create positive, trusting relationships between the police and Boston's young people."

## Triathlete, Angela Naeth, Visits YES Track & Field Program

Professional Triathlete Angela Naeth also visited YES's Track & Field practice on July 10. She shared her personal journey to becoming a triathlete and invited them to participate in Kids' Day, a sprint triathlon for youth. Visit the YES website [here](#) for more information on Kids Day and how YES families can attend the event this Saturday, July 29 for free.



**Left:** (L to R) YES Executive Director, Bryan Van Dorpe; Triathlete, Angela Naeth; and Police Commissioner William Evans.

**Middle:** Police Commissioner William Evans running a lap around the track with YES youth

**Right:** YES youth and volunteers with Triathlete, Angela Naeth.

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[FREE ENTRY](#) to Kids Day this Saturday, July 29 for YES families >>

## Bike, Run, or Walk this Fall for YES Youth!

*Do you like to bike or run? Are you passionate about giving Boston youth outdoor opportunities?*

Youth Enrichment Services (YES) is proud to be a nonprofit partner of the [2017 Tour de South Shore Athletic Festival](#), hosted by the McCourt Foundation.



Join Team YES on Saturday, September 23 at Wompatuck State Park in Hingham, MA and bike, run, or walk to support YES youth! Avid cyclists and fun runners alike are welcome to join.

Participants can choose between the following events:

- 5K Run/Walk
- Bike Ride (25 or 50 Miles)
- Off-Road Bike Ride (12 Miles)

#### Registration Fees:

- \$40 Run/Walk Registration
- \$65 Bike Registration

Registration includes entrance to the Tour de South Shore Athletic Festival and a post-race after-party with entertainment. All funds raised will benefit YES youth.

The event is family-friendly (race participants must be ages 12 and up); invite your family and friends to join Team YES too!

**Team members who register before September 1st will receive a free YES t-shirt!**



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YES youth on September 23!**