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# Youth Enrichment Services May/June 2017 Newsletter

#### **Upcoming Events**

Thursday, June 8: 6th Annual YES Appreciation Harbor Cruise (Seaport Boulevard - Boston, MA)

**Monday, June 12:** First Day of YES <u>Track & Field</u> at Saunders Stadium (Moakley Park, Saunders Stadium - South Boston, MA)

Monday, July 10: First Day of Outdoor Adventure Programs (Boston, MA)

Tuesday, July 11: First Day of YES Track & Field at English High School (Jamaica Plain, MA)

**Thursday, August 17:** <u>4th Annual Martin Richard Memorial Mile Invitational</u> (Moakley Park, Saunders Stadium - South Boston, MA)

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



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

Photo 1: YES Track & Field team participated in the Boston Athletic Association Relay Challenge on April 15.

Photo 2: On May 4, YES hosted a STEM (Science, Engineering, Technology, and Math) Career Exploration panel at Boston's Another Course to College high school. Over 75 students attended. Pictured here are engineers, Ellee Mullard and Courtney Millet, showing project blueprints to a group of students.

Photo 3: This spring, young people had the opportunity to experience rock climbing with the YES Outdoor Adventure Program. The youth pictured successfully completed a challenging climb at Quincy Quarries.

#### 6th Annual YES Appreciation Harbor Cruise (June 8)

Hosted by the YES Young Professionals Committee

Sail away with YES on **Thursday**, **June 8** for the 6th Annual YES Appreciation Harbor Cruise. YES will celebrate its volunteers, supporters, and partners - and kick off the summer with a festive night on Boston Harbor. The event promises to be a fun evening with a DJ and dancing, fantastic raffle prizes, and a photo booth to capture your night on the Harbor! (Please note that this is a 21+ event.)



Click here for more information and to purchase tickets.



Thank you to Bay State Cruise Company for their support!

### Team YES Conquers the Boston Marathon

Congratulations and thank you to YES's 2017 Boston Marathon runners: Meredith Bird, Melanie Cybriwsky, Stephen Nock, and Samantha Pskowski. Together, they fundraised over \$40,000 for Boston youth! These funds will provide young people with new experiences in the outdoors and meaningful leadership opportunities. Read more about YES's 2017 Marathon team <u>here</u>.



(L to R) Stephen Nock, Melanie Cybriwsky, Meredith Bird, and Sam Pskowski on Marathon Day.

**Interested in running the 2018 Boston Marathon?** Email Bryan Van Dorpe at <u>bvandorpe@yeskids.org</u> for more information.



Teens in YES's Leadership Corps program with Mayor Walsh in the YES Rental Shop.

#### **Boston's Mayor Marty Walsh Visits YES**

City of Boston Mayor, Martin J. Walsh, visited YES this spring and discussed civic issues with our youth and described his personal journey into leadership.

Mayor Walsh spoke to YES teens about how he overcome obstacles in his life, including cancer as a child and substance abuse as a young adult, and how his struggles shaped him into the leader he is today. Mayor Walsh urged YES youth to not let personal struggles or hardship define who they are. "Pursue what you want to do no matter what the obstacles are."

After sharing his personal story, the Mayor engaged youth in a discussion about current issues facing Boston and the country including the Boston 2030 plan, Build Boston Public Schools plan, and the recent immigration ban. He encouraged YES teens to get involved, come together, and stand up for others' rights.

View more photos from the Mayor's memorable visit to YES here.

### 7th Annual YES Black Diamond Gala Raises Over \$600k

Over 350 guests attended YES's 7th Annual Black Diamond Gala on Thursday, April 6 at Royale.

A highlight from the evening was the two speeches given by YES youth, Juan Pablo Zuluaga and Laura Mendez, who both will be the first in their families to attend college. Read more about our inspiring teen speakers <u>here</u>.

The event raised over \$600,000 for Boston youth. Funds will support YES's outdoor sports and leadership programs. Boston philanthropists, Paul and Carol Fremont-Smith, were honored with the 2017 YES Achievement Award. U.S. Ski Team athletes, Ryan Cochran-Siegle and Robby Kelley, received the T2 Foundation Community Service Athlete of the Year Award.



YES teens, Juan Pablo Zuluaga and Laura Mendez, spoke at YES's Gala on April 6.

A special thank you to our top sponsors of the event, Adage Capital Management, Citi, The George Macomber Foundation, Leerink Partners, The Martin Richard Charitable Foundation, Morgan Stanley, Peabody Office Furniture, and RBC Capital Markets.

Click here to view photos from the 7th Annual Black Diamond Gala.

YES's fiscal year ends on June 30th. Make a contribution today to support YES and help our youth be ready for summer!



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