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Youth Enrichment Services *June 2018 Newsletter*

Upcoming Events

Thursday, June 14: [7th Annual YES Appreciation Harbor Cruise](#) (Seaport Boulevard - Boston, MA) Join YES aboard a sunset cruise to kick off summer! Tickets are \$25 and on sale now. Event is 21+.

Friday, June 15: [2018 Richard Williams Memorial Scholarship Reception](#) (Dana Farber Cancer Institute - Brookline, MA) Meet the four YES teens who were selected to receive the 2018 Richard Williams Memorial scholarship! RSVP to yesacademy@yeskids.org by June 8 to attend. The reception will take place 6 - 7:30 pm. The program will begin at 6:30 pm.

Sunday, June 17: [Waterfront 5K and Fitness Festival](#) (Massport Flynn Cruiseport - Boston, MA) Join YES at the Waterfront 5K hosted by the McCourt Foundation! YES youth ages 12 and under are invited to race the 100 meters or 1/2 mile for FREE. (Must register by 6/2 to receive free entry. Email cbrydges@yeskids.org for the code.) Adults ages 18+ are invited to join Team YES and raise funds for YES programs. Register online [here](#). (Receive 50% off registration with the coupon code YESADULTS. Expires 6/3.)

Thursday, June 28: [YES Family & Friends Event: Kayaking & BBQ](#) (Charles River Canoe and Kayak - Allston, MA) Enjoy an evening of kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, BBQ by Red Bones, games, and more with YES in celebration of our 50th Anniversary. Event is FREE and open to YES families, friends, and supporters. 4 - 8 pm. All ages welcome. Register online [here](#) by 6/20 to attend. Presented by [Cantina](#) with support from [Charles River Canoe and Kayak](#).



Thursday, August 16: [5th Annual Martin Richard Memorial Mile Invitational](#) (Moakley Park, Saunders Stadium - South Boston, MA) Celebrate the life of YES youth, Martin Richard, at the Annual Martin Richard Memorial Mile. Registration opens June 29, 2018.

Congratulations, YES High School Seniors!

For the eighth year in a row, 100% of YES Academy seniors will graduate from high school. We extend a big congratulations to the Class of 2018! YES has enjoyed growing with each student and looks forward to supporting them through their time in college.

YES teens from the Class of 2018 will be attending the following schools next year:

- Cooper Union (NY)
- Denison University (OH)
- Framingham State University (MA)
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences (MA)

- Northeastern University (MA)
- Occidental College (CA)
- UMass Amherst (MA)
- UMass Boston (MA)
- UMass Dartmouth (MA)
- Wentworth University (MA)

Many teens have been a part of the YES family since elementary or middle school. In high school, teens are given leadership opportunities with increasing responsibilities and challenges. YES teens Macy Murtagh, Varsha Perkins, and Jacelys Suazo are among those YES teens who have gone above and beyond in their service to YES. These young women have developed outstanding leadership skills and confidence throughout their years with YES. They have served as role models for younger YES youth and plan to be student leaders on their college campuses.

Read more about these three amazing young leaders [here](#).



(L to R: YES seniors and teen leaders, Jacelys Suazo, Varsha Perkins, and Macy Murtagh)

8th Annual YES Black Diamond Gala Raises Over \$600,000

Over 350 guests attended YES's 8th Annual Black Diamond Gala on Thursday, April 7 at the Renaissance Waterfront Hotel.

The event, co-chaired by Christopher Peabody and Biria St. John, raised over \$600,000 for Boston youth. Funds will support YES's outdoor sports and leadership programs. Boston philanthropists, Carolyn and Jason Soules, were honored with the 2018 YES Achievement Award. U.S. Ski Team athletes, Ryan Cochran-Siegle and Robby Kelley, were in attendance.

A highlight from the evening was the two speeches given by YES youth. Tarell Longworth and Van Nguyen spoke about their experiences in YES's Track & Field, Leadership Corps, and College Prep programs. Read more about the inspiring teen speakers [here](#).



YES teens, Tarell Longworth and Van Nguyen, spoke at YES's Gala on April 7.

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

Click [here](#) to view photos from the 8th Annual Black Diamond Gala.

Team YES Conquers the Boston Marathon

Congratulations to YES's 2018 Boston Marathon runners: Sayles Day, Ben Hartzell, Kelsey Prendergast, and Marc Sorresso. They endured the rain, wind, and cold temperatures on race day. Together, they raised over \$40,000 for Boston youth! These funds will provide young people with new experiences in the outdoors and meaningful leadership opportunities.

Read Sayles' recount of her rainy and rewarding Boston Marathon run for YES [here](#).

Interested in running the 2019 Boston Marathon?

Email Bryan Van Dorpe at bvandorpe@yeskids.org for more information.



Youth Development through Snowsports: 2018 in Review



YES designs its Operation SnowSports program to have a deep and lasting impact on youth. Outcomes are measured across ten metrics which are aligned with YES's mission and centered around skill and life quality improvement, program engagement, and safety. View program metrics [here](#).

We are proud to share that the Operation SnowSports program continued to have a positive impact on YES youth throughout the 2018 season. Program evaluation shows that through snowsports, youth become more resilient, build confidence, and develop leadership skills. This year, 87% of youth in the YETTI (Youth Excel Through Tailored Instruction) track reported confidence in facing a new challenge and 92% of youth said that they would recommend YES to a friend. One youth shared, "I learned that skiing is all about getting back up and determination. Not everything will be perfect, but when you fall, get back up!"

YES collaborated with 30 schools and community partners this winter to serve youth from our targeted neighborhoods of Roxbury, Mattapan, and Dorchester. View the full list of 2018 Operation SnowSports partners [here](#).

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



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YES Supporter, Bill Cummings, Publishes A Memoir

As you may know, YES is a past recipient of a 100k for 100 grant from the Cummings Foundation. The grant monies were transformational for the organization and we are in gratitude to Bill and Joyce Cummings for their tremendous generosity to nonprofit organizations throughout the city and across the state.

Bill and Joyce Cummings are trailblazers in philanthropy. Bill Cummings recently published a memoir, Starting Small and Making It Big. All proceeds from book sales go to the philanthropic efforts of the Cummings Foundation. Purchase the memoir [here](#).

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