



Quarterly Newsletter

February, March, April, May

2024-2025



All Things Ack



Hello! It has been a very exciting year at YAA. We celebrated 92 graduates at our January ceremony. What a time we had! Currently, we have 152 graduates for the year and there are many more to come before our final graduation ceremony of the year on May 29th at 7:00 PM in the York Learning Center auditorium. We highly encourage Superintendents, Principals, Guidance Counselors, and Teachers along with the students' family and friends to attend and help us celebrate our graduates. As they say, "It takes a village," and we like the village there to help us congratulate our Grads!

We have had many presenters throughout the year come and speak to our students about post secondary opportunities. Many of the students have taken advantage of the programs that were discussed which will help them advance their skills in the future. We also offered the ASVAB and had many students score well enough to meet with recruiters and enlist in the military. I always welcome interested students and parents to schedule a tour of our facility and have a chat about YAA and the opportunities that we have to offer students.

PREPARING FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION!



Are you anxious about graduating from high school? Not exactly sure what you want to do with the rest of your life? You are NOT alone. Many high school students, and even some adults, are unsure of taking that next step. We are here to help!!

YAA offers CAREER AWARENESS opportunities for you to explore career paths. Throughout the year, there will be special presentations from local colleges, trade schools and business people to provide you with information about the opportunities their organizations have to offer. The presentations will take place during school hours and will fulfill your career awareness graduation requirement. Each student is required to attend a minimum of three (3) presentations.

Presentations: February - May

February 20 - Career Link

February 27 - Empire Beauty School

March 4 - ASVAB Testing

Coming Soon

May 6 - Automotive Training Center (York site)

May 8 - Automotive Training Center (Adams site)

Winter Graduation

On January 22, 2025, 92 students became the most recent graduates of YAA. The ceremony was held on a frigid night but that didn't put a damper on the celebration. Over 70 of the 92 graduates were able to attend graduation, and it was a night to remember. Student speeches were given by Lucian Morrison (EY), Meranline Moore (WY), Joel Knudson (YS), Layla Thompson (YS) and Jalyn Welch (YS). Dr. Mancuso conferred the degrees and Mrs. Ackerman offered words of praise and encouragement while expressing her pride in the hard work of all the students. Thank you to EG Photography for once again taking pictures to commemorate the occasion and much thanks to Mrs. Stafford who took the candid shots below.







Spring Graduation: May 29, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

Student arrival: 5:15 pm @ DOOR # 1

Doors will open for family and friends @ 6:30 pm

Students/parents are encouraged to speak to teachers [Mr. Newman](#), [Mr. Smith](#) or [Mrs. Walter](#) regarding student progress and anticipated graduation date. Regular attendance has a direct correlation with graduation success! Attend school to give yourself the best opportunity to graduate.

[Find helpful graduation information on the York Adams Academy website.](#)

GRADUATION FEES:

Attending Graduation and PURCHASING Cap & Gown - \$50

Fee Includes: Diploma, Diploma Cover, Tassel with Signet, Cap & Gown

Attending Graduation and RENTING Cap & Gown - \$35

Fee Includes: Diploma, Diploma Cover, Tassel with Signet

PARTICIPATING in YAA Graduation AND Home District - \$25

Fee Includes: Diploma, Diploma Cover

(You will receive a tassel with your cap/gown from your home district)

NOT PARTICIPATING in Graduation - \$25

Fee Includes: Diploma, Diploma Cover, Tassel with Signet

REMINDER

If you plan to attend graduation at your home school, you are REQUIRED to attend graduation at YAA (as per agreement between YAA and participating school districts). You MUST be in contact with your guidance counselor at your home school to make sure that you have ordered your cap and gown.

Mark Your Calendar:

April 18-21, 2025 - Easter Break -NO SCHOOL

May 23, 2025 - Half day for students - no afternoon class. Afternoon students **MUST** check in with their teacher through e-mail at the start of their session to be counted for attendance.

May 26, 2025 - Memorial Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL

May 28, 2025 - Last Day for students

[Click to view the YAA School Calendar](#)

COMING SOON

Upon upgrades to the enrollment process, YAA will be collecting a *refundable* enrollment fee of \$25 from all new enrollees. This fee will be used toward graduation fees when a student graduates. If a student withdraws or is withdrawn, the fee is refundable provided all YAA materials have been returned.

Wear your PJs to School Day



Spirit Week



CRAZY HAT DAY

WIND AND WAVES WEDNESDAY
Beach Day at YAA



York Adams Academy Locations:

York: 300 E 7th Ave #500, York, PA 17404

Phone: 717-718-5836

Adams: 2904 Carlisle Street, New Oxford, PA 17350

Phone: 717-624-3535

RESOURCES:

York Adams Academy Website	YAA Website
York Adams Academy Calendar	Calendar Link
Suicide Prevention Hotline - 1-800-273-8255	Suicide Prevention Website
Mental Health Services	Mental Health Services Adams County Mental Health Services York County
Food Bank	South Central Community Action Programs York County Food Bank Adams County Food Bank
Federal Student Aid	FAFSA
Eating Disorders	National Eating Disorders Association
Domestic Violence	National Domestic Violence Hotline
Children's Health Service Program	CHIP
Services for Young Children, Teens, Adults & Elderly	Crispus Attucks