



Fundraiser Night at Locksmith Bar

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The YALD Showcase: Skills, Awards & Family Bowl

We're closing out the first half of the season in style! Join us for a full day of excitement:

- **Skills Challenge:** Watch our athletes compete head-to-head in speed, agility, and accuracy events.
- **Award Ceremony:** Celebrate our **2024 Championship Team** as they receive their **trophies and rings**, and honor individuals who stood out for their leadership and impact.
- **Family Bowl Championship Game:** The grand finale! Who will take home the title?

Locksmith Bar will once again provide food for everyone, so come hungry and ready to cheer!

We're just days away from one of the most exciting nights of the year, our **Annual YALD Fundraiser!**

Wednesday, October 29th, 2025

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Locksmith Bar

Join us as we celebrate our 15th season with great food, beverages, raffles, and good vibes all while supporting the YALD mission.

Your donation (made in advance or at the door) includes food, drinks, and entry into our exciting raffle giveaways. **Prizes include:**

Picnic Basket | Gift Cards from Locksmith & Cabrini Wellness | YALD Columbia Jacket | YALD Sweater | Round-Trip JetBlue Airways Ticket ...and more surprises to come!

👉 [Click here to RSVP and donate](#)

Locksmith Bar has been one of our strongest supporters over the years, always helping ensure YALD continues to grow and impact our youth. Let's show our appreciation and pack the house!

Mid-Season Madness: The Race Tightens Up!

Our 2025 season has officially reached the midway mark, and what an exciting ride it has been! Early on, it looked like one team might dominate the league, but the tides have shifted. Teams that struggled early are now showing promise, and the competition has tightened, making every game a must-watch.

Here's where things stand:

1st Place: The Heights (5–1) Led by Coaches **Rob and Eugene**, this duo has established a strong partnership, complementing each other's strengths and creating a winning formula. The Heights have held the top spot since Week 1. Their first loss this past weekend has made the race even more intriguing.

2nd Place: Dyckman (3–3) Guided by **Jason and Luis**, Dyckman is a young, evolving team with only a few veterans. Despite early challenges, they've shown steady growth, determination, and improved teamwork, proving they can compete with the league's best.

3rd Place: Uptown (2–4) Uptown shares the same record as Broadway Blitz but holds the **tiebreaker** thanks to a previous win. Don't underestimate this team. Uptown's offense has come alive in recent games, including the win that handed The Heights their first loss. Their momentum makes them a serious contender in the second half of the season.

4th Place: Broadway Blitz (2–4) Broadway Blitz is far from out of the running. With their **star QB returning from injury**, they've regained their rhythm and secured two wins since his comeback, showing resilience and proving that they remain a threat on the field.

The **second half of the season** promises even more excitement, surprises, and close finishes. As they say, any given Sunday, but for us, it's any given Saturday. With rivalries heating up and teams finding their stride, every game is critical, and the championship race is wide open.

A Word from Carlos A. Castellanos

Founder & Executive Director, YALD, Inc.

“As we celebrate our 15th season, I am reminded that true leadership is not just about winning, it’s about lifting others up and inspiring them to reach their fullest potential. The real victory is in the growth we see in those we lead.”

At YALD, we teach our participants that **every choice has a consequence**, and accountability starts on the field. Success comes from making smart decisions, showing up prepared, and **communicating effectively**. Lack of communication can impact performance and trust, both on and off the field, and is something we take seriously as part of building responsible leaders. Every play, every practice, and every game is an opportunity to learn responsibility, embrace accountability, and develop skills that carry over into school, work, and life.

We are proud of every player, coach, and supporter who makes YALD a place where young adults can **thrive, grow, and succeed together**.

The Family Bowl: Tradition in the Making

To celebrate our 15th season, we introduced something new and special, the **YALD Family Bowl**, an event we plan to make an annual tradition!

On **October 26**, four teams composed of mixed league players faced off in an action-packed showcase of talent and teamwork. Players had the opportunity to compete alongside different teammates and coaches, testing their adaptability and leadership.

The results? An electric atmosphere and standout performances from players who truly shined when given their moment.

In a storybook twist, the two coaches advancing to the **Family Bowl Championship Game—Brandon and Dylan—are former YALD players and cousins** who defeated two of our veteran coaches to reach the final. Their championship showdown takes place on **November 1st**, immediately following the award ceremony.



Closing Statement

As we celebrate our 15th season, we are reminded of what makes YALD special, our family, our community, and our shared purpose. Every Saturday, we see growth not only on the field but in character, teamwork, and leadership.

Thank you to all the players, coaches, families, and supporters who continue to make YALD a place where youth grow into leaders. Together, we're building more than athletes, we're building the future.

Here's to an incredible second half of the season. See you on the field!

Save the Date - Key Events

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Locksmith Bar

Wednesday, October 29th | 6:30–9:30 PM

Skills Challenge, Award Ceremony & Championship Game

YALD Field

Saturday, November 1st | 9:30 AM

Upcoming Games

Week 8 – November 8th

Dyckman vs Uptown – 9:45 AM

Heights vs Broadway – 11:00 AM

Week 9 – November 15th

Heights vs Dyckman – 9:45 AM

Uptown vs Broadway – 11:00 AM

Week 10 – November 22nd

Dyckman vs Broadway – 9:45 AM

Heights vs Uptown – 11:00 AM

