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Of*

*Quality Out of School
~Programs~*

CYCSI 5 Year Celebration

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Thinking BIG for Our Children

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Honoring a Remarkable Leader!



CYCSI Honors and Remembers Herman Bagley Community Leader, Activist, and Chairman of CYCSI.

Herman Bagley dedicated his life to serving the community and implementing quality programs and activities for the youth. Mr. Bagley always concerned himself with the well being of others resulting in him pursuing a Masters Degree in Social Work. He began his commitment to aiding the growth and development of youth when

he was a teenager. Working as a camp counselor during his teenage years led to a distinguished youth development career at the Children's Aid Society that included successive positions and countless accolades. Mr. Bagley went on to form many great youth programs including mentoring and life skills programs and mental health services for New York City's most at-risk and under-resourced youth.

Mr. Bagley held many leadership positions in the community. He was the Vice President of the Louise Wise Board of Trustees, Chairman of Community Youth Care Services Inc., served on the Community District Education Council 29 Queens, President of the Johnson C. Smith University Alumni chapter of New York, a member of the Cambria Heights Civic Association, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the United Black Men of Queens. He will be greatly missed by all the members of the community.

Rest in Peace Maya Angelou

"Nothing Will Work Unless You do"



April 4, 1928 - May 28, 2014

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Summer 2014!



CYCSI's 5 Year Celebration continued with Summer Program 2014. In addition to our signature academic segments and clubs, this summer we added Sewing and Poetry to the club menu and hosted wood working workshops from Home Depot.

The students participated in our traditional Market Day, Water Day, Field Day and

Birthday Celebrations. They also participated in new events such as Game Day and Twin Day. In honor of our 5th year of quality out-of-school programs we continued from the Afterschool Program in celebrating with our theme "Big Apple Dreams". The summer program revisited the historical and legendary Apollo Theater. Our performing Arts clubs showcased their talents and select students independently prepared pieces for the talent showcase. Our academic programs and clubs featured their projects and creations at the CYCSI Museum.

The students also had many wonderful adventures this summer visiting Central Park Zoo, Museum of Art & Design, American Museum of Natural History, Sony Wonder Lab, and Fun Station. **Continues on Page 8.**

Youth Prevention Workshop

NYPD Officer Washington made a special visit to CYCSI Summer Program to conduct a Youth Prevention Workshop. Officer Washington spoke to the youth about safety, bullying, peer pressure, following the law and how to become a model citizen in the community.



Congrats on a Great Year!

We wish the graduating class of 2014 and all students tremendous success in their future endeavors. We will miss our senior students dearly, some of them have been part of the PS 176 Afterschool family from the inception in 2009.



Silhouette Reflections Dance Squad Debut Performance



The Silhouette Reflections Dance Squad made their debut performance during a basketball game at PS 176Q. The dance squad was led by CYCSI's Dance Club Instructor, Jasmine Warren. They performed during halftime to cheer on the PS 176Q basketball team. The dance squad supported the team with a wonderful hip-hop and dance inspired routine. The performance motivated the basketball team which essentially led to their victory. Congratulations to PS 176Q basketball team.

Jasmine Warren reflects on how she made her vision for a dance squad come true: I always wanted to start a dance squad to give students an

opportunity to become more involved in school activities and incent high academic performance. Ms. Caddle and I discussed starting the dance squad for several months. At first I intended to work with middle school students. However, after observing the young elementary students I changed my mind. I realized that their talent and potential could be utilized into forming an exceptional dance squad. I proposed to Mr. Separ, the gym teacher at PS 176Q the idea of incorporating a cheerleading squad for the basketball team. I selected nine girls from the CYCSI dance club as I felt these girls were the strongest and most motivated students. On our debut performance the audience was excited and enjoyed the routine. We plan to continue supporting the basketball team through dance.

Big Apple Dreams: Behind the Scenes!



Big Apple Dreams is the story of a young and talented college student who ventures off to the great Empire City in hope of making her dreams come true. Throughout her journey she is exposed to the fast paced and diverse culture of New York City during her encounters with great landmarks, places and people. Her experience in "the city that never sleeps" culminates with her obtaining the opportunity of a life-time.

Big Apple Dreams is a Live Action Film inspired by performing arts and the wonders of New York City. The students of PS 176Q Afterschool program showcase their talents through acting, music, and dance on stage and on screen. Big Apple Dreams takes the audience into the world of talent competitions through the renowned platform of New York City also known as "The Big Apple". Through the production we are able to witness the diversified culture of New York City on the Subway, at the Apollo Theatre, 42nd street, the Labor Day Parade, Madison Square Garden, and Sony Wonder Lab.

We combined the art and technology of film and theater, to recreate these wonders of New York City. The 6 Chambers Production team, led by Kai Holmes and Marvin Redhead, collaborated with the CYCSI team to produce previous program films, "The Amazing Race" and "Out-of-School Musical". Mr. Holmes and Mr. Redhead returned this year for our 5 year celebration to team up on the Big Apple Dreams Live Action Film project.

We utilized many tools to create the cinematic magic behind Big Apple Dreams including green screen and special effects. The students and staff worked diligently on the production. We appreciate the hard work and talent that went into completing this important art and literacy project. We hope you enjoyed Big Apple Dreams the Live Action Film. The Big Apple Dreams complete film will be released later this year to culminate our 5 year celebration.



Poetry Workshop



This summer CYCSI hosted its first Poetry Work Shop led by Urban Word Poet Jah-Don Hart. Students from grades 3 through 8 participated. Below are pieces written by Kamille Gordon and Tanasia Lane who also performed original spoken-word pieces at the Big Apple Dreams Summer Culminating Event.

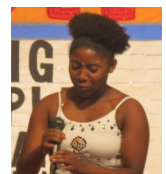
The City By: Kamille Gordon

The City shines throughout the night. Working to live without a fight. Stronger and smarter as the streets unite. Finally, seeing that the time is right. Traveling the world to this one place. Just to see that you have to pick up the pace. Success is near in this humble city. You just have to work hard to see the light. Southside, Eastside, Westside, whichever side. Don't go in the alley way and hide. Stand up for yourself and have pride, because in this city you will shine. Some people in this city get things easy. While others have to work in order to survive. Some dreams come true, some dreams collide, but in this beautiful city where dreams are few, family and friends all love you. Even though there's crime all around, all through the city, all through the town. In this city, you will shine.



NYC By: Tanasia Lane

Southside, Northside, Eastside, Westside, none is better than the next. Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens, Manhattan, Staten Island. We all think Manhattan is better than the rest, but down in Queens it's not worse than the next. It's not better than the rest, it's just Queens. Queens—where violence is a problem for everyone. Scared to take the train, scared to ride the bus, scared to walk by yourself when the sun goes down because no one told the kid to kill his parents because they cut him off. No one knows about the mysterious fire in the house down the block. No one knows about the countless murders that occur every day. No one knows how many people I've lost because people are running around with guns and knives stabbing and killing for little worthless things. No one knows what goes down in Queens, and that's the same for Brooklyn, Bronx, Staten Island and Manhattan.



CYCSI Staff Spotlight

Ms. Shadra



Meet CYCSI's new highly motivated and dedicated team member!

Students from the A.C.T. Club were interested in learning about the new staff member. Below are questions posed by several students of A.C.T. Club to the new staff member:

Why did you decide to work with Children? -Renee Lebrun

I decided to work with children because I have a 3 year old grandson who I care for. We enrolled him in a daycare program where I volunteer occasionally. After volunteering at the day care I realized that I like helping children and that is what led me to this program.

What are you planning on studying in college? -Huntley Swaby

I plan on studying Business Administration.

What are some things you like to do? -Devon Guthrie

I like to dance, exercise, roller-skate and have fun.

How do you plan to contribute to the growth and success of CYCSI and what do you expect to gain from the experience? -Mr. Eric

My contribution to this program will be to motivate the students and to come up with new ideas to enhance the program. Learning is something that I gain from CYCSI.



CYCSI congratulates and wishes Naiyma Patterson and Jeremy Street much success as they pursue their prospective careers!

We appreciate the hard work and contributions of both of them during their employment at CYCSI.

Naiyma Patterson came to CYCSI in 2010 during her freshman year of college. Over the years she greatly supported the program by being a mentor, supervisor and big sister to the students at PS 176Q Out-of-School Programs. We commend her completing four years of study, earning a Bachelors Degree in Pre-Law. We wish her much success as she continues to law school.

Naiyma details what her experience at CYCSI has taught her:

I learned over time that this job can help you in any field of interest. The experience I gained enhanced my personal development, made me successful in college, and will follow me into the future. The skills I developed will later contribute to my becoming an attorney. Additionally, I watched the students grow up and change into teenagers—lovely students who impacted my life. If I decide to pursue a career working with youth, I now possess first-hand knowledge of how to speak to them and understand their thoughts. Over the past four years, I learned the importance of time management, patience, and the need to be alert at all times. I also learned about health, wellness and first aid.



Jeremy Street started working at CYCSI in 2011. Over the years he was the lead instructor for the music club. He taught the students various music skills consisting of music theory and harmony. He also introduced them to a variety of instruments including piano, drums and recorders. During his progression at CYCSI Jeremy leveraged his strong relationship with the Afterschool family to start a one on one music program instructing students in keyboard and violin. Jeremy is leaving in pursuit of a Masters degree program and plans to continue instructing students in music. We salute Jeremy on his academic endeavors.



CYCSI 5 YEAR Celebration!

Celebrating 5 Years of Quality Out-Of-School Programs



2009-2010

Night at the Museum Play

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Thank You From Around
The World Talent
Showcase

Thank You!
Gracie SARKI
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GRACIAS Dakyaen

AMNH
Moveable Museum

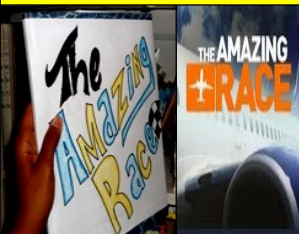
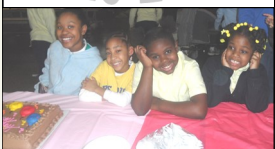
Costume
Party
2010



2010-2011

The Amazing Race Movie

Carnival of the Arts



2011-2012

It's a Beautiful Thing

One World Play



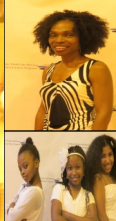
2012-2013

In the Jungle

Out-of-School Musical Film

Hurricane Sandy Relief

Home Depot
Work Shop 2012



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Safari Costume Party 2013



Home Depot Work Shop 2013



Black History /Valentines Day Celebration 2014



Tennis Club 2014

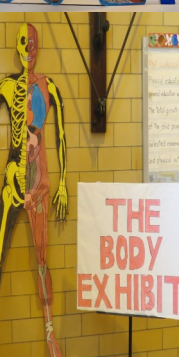


2013-2014

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel
-Maya Angelou



Big Apple Dreams Live Action Film & CYCSI Museum 2014



Leroy Comrie Celebration



New York Knicks Dancers Visit



Winter & Spring Break 2014



Trips, Celebrations, Memories 2009-2014



MARKET DAY AT P.S.176



We miss you Ms. McPherson!



Summer 2014



A summer of enriching, engaging and educational activities. As always our summer program participants spent seven weeks learning and experiencing a project based curriculum centered around STEM, ELA, Visual & Performing Arts, Sports and Career activities.



CYCSI Museum & Big Apple Dreams Summer 2014

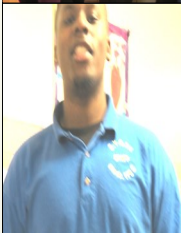


Vaughn College's Robotics Team Victorious



Congratulations to Vaughn College for their 2nd place victory in the Robotics World Championship this year. The members of the team visited CYCSI's Afterschool program to demonstrate the technological features of their robotic creations. The robotics team's creation was used to leverage the Sony Wonder Lab in this year's production *Big Apple Dreams*. Sony Wonder Lab is one of the cherished destinations during the summer program, exposing the students to the fun of technology and engineering. Mahendra and Alice (left) led the robotics club during fall 2013 and spring 2014. Saneela Rabani (right) led the robotics club during the summer program of 2014.

Thanks to Our 2014 Interns and Volunteers!



I like working here because it allows me to help others. -Shatterra Maye



I love working with children. It teaches me patience. -Taina Neas



Knowing that I'm helping a child grow feels good. -Brianna Cotto

I appreciate the experience that I have gained. -Samuelle Delcy

I learned how to speak to children when they don't listen. -Sefanja Soekha

PS 176Q Afterschool program is a great, big family. -Danielle Williams

The experience that I've gained working here will be beneficial to helping me build my professional resume. -Autumn Young

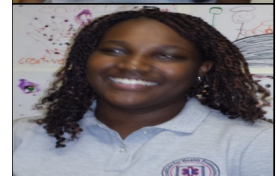
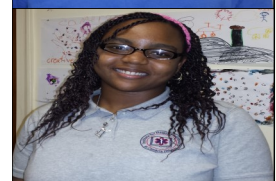
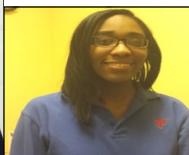
You get to help others with their homework so they can succeed.

-Tajhe Turner

I like working here because it's given me the experience

I need to pursue a career. -Jessica Collins

I am studying Childhood Education and working here is helping me prepare for my future. -Ashley Welch



CYCSI Staff & Youth Development



Every year we provide professional development for our staff members and volunteers. This year we added a service excellence award to reinforce the importance of employee quality performance. The coaching sessions includes project based learning, effective communication methods and techniques, and NYS Child Care regulation on topics such as child development, nutrition & health and safety. During the summer program we hosted coaching sessions and educational trips for our volunteers and SYEPs.



Special Thanks to Our Supporters!

We thank all of you for your contributions to the quality of our Out of School Programs:

Parents, friends, organizations, schools and elected officials: United Parcel Service, Home Depot, Federal Aviation Administration, PS176Q Girl Scout Troops, Vaughn College, Queensborough Community College, York College, Cambria Heights High School, Campus Magnet, Saint Francis Preparatory, NAACP Jamaica Youth Council, Denise Warren, Director of Body By Denise, H.K. Koya, CPA, Grace Nkenke, CPA, Arlene Bartlett, Principal of PS 176Q, Mr. Tobin and team, Maintenance Engineer PS 176Q, Dr. K'Tori, Principal of PS 15Q, New York National Guard, Queens Chapter, Lenon Murray, Superintendent of Queens Community District 29, Leroy Comrie, Deputy Borough President and James Sanders, NYS Senator. We Appreciate your continued support!



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Community Youth Care Services
Quality Out of School Programs



"Kids can
always
walk
around
~Trouble~
if there is
someplace
to walk and
someone to walk
with." -Anonymous

