

CURRENT NEWS

Community Rapid Crisis Response Initiative Winners

The [Young Men's Initiative](#) is proud to announce that 22 winners have been identified for the [Community Rapid Crisis Response Initiative](#). The winners were awarded up to \$10,000 in funding to support their relief efforts and youth programming during the COVID-19 crisis. We funded a wide range of youth-serving organizations throughout the five boroughs.

NeON Nutrition Kitchens

The NeONs, YMI and the Food Bank of NYC are still offering a week of free groceries and PPE to New Yorkers in need. Find locations and operating hours [here](#). Additionally, YMI provided stipends for young people employed at the Harlem location.



SUMMER PROGRAMMING

YMI, in collaboration with other City partners, is offering paid learning opportunities for ~4,000 youth this summer via 4 separate programs.

Program: [NeON Summer](#)

Partner Org: Neighborhood Opportunity Network (DOP)

Launched on July 6th, NeON Summer is offering 6 weeks of paid remote learning opportunities for 2700 youth this summer. The programming aims to build work-readiness





9x9

We are delighted to share the news that four students from the [9x9](#) Program have graduated from Forsyth Satellite Academy. These four students all began 9x9 with the 2017 Cohort, have successfully completed their 8th grade articulation, and have graduated high school with their peers at their transfer school. These students are all planning to pursue higher education and one 9x9 student was named the 2020 class valedictorian for Forsyth Satellite Academy. We are extremely proud of the achievements of our young people, and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

Outdoor Programming

Look out for YMI Family Outdoor Programming coming later this summer.



skills, strengthen community bonds, and support young people and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants will have the opportunity to explore career interests and express themselves creatively through learning experiences designed to strengthen social, civic, and leadership abilities.

Program: Knockout COVID: Youth Campaign

Partner Org: Neighborhood Opportunity Network (DOP)

Under the guidance of mentors and media experts, youth developed media campaigns on the importance of social distancing while receiving stipends for their efforts. The youth campaigns are currently being finalized, and will be promoted via social media and other platforms to young people citywide.

Program: [Anti-Gun Violence Employment Program](#) (AGVEP)

Partner Org: Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice

Starting on July 13th, AGVEP began employing ~700 New Yorkers between the ages 14 and 24 living in neighborhoods and NYCHA housing developments most significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants are engaging in 10 to 15 hours of activities for a 6-week period, with the potential to earn a stipend of \$850 to \$1,200.

YMI Addresses the Digital Divide

The impact of COVID-19 coupled with social distancing has had a profound impact on all of the YMI funded programs. In order to ensure our partners could continue their important programming, YMI procured laptops and other technology for a host of programs.

In partnership with The Human Resources Administration, YMI was able to provide 305 laptops to the nine (9) YMI-funded [Jobs-Plus](#) providers to be distributed to those in need. The laptops allow participants to search for work, attend trainings and receive city services remotely.

The Department of Youth and Community Development and the Center for Youth Employment recently launched SYEP

Summer Bridge, an alternative SYEP program that will serve over 35,000 low-income and vulnerable young New Yorkers for five-weeks starting on July 27, 2020. Participants will explore various career opportunities, learn workplace competency skills and engage in critical thinking exercises. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to network with professionals, participate in workplace challenges, engage in social-emotional learning programming and receive information on available social service supports. YMI has supported this initiative through procuring 800+ iPads with internet connectivity for participants who do not have laptops or internet access. Lastly, YMI invested in CareerClue which will provide STEAM education enhancements for ~1000+ students participating in SYEP. The program will provide much needed academic curriculum to address learning loss due to COVID-19 as well as teach participants about careers in the STEAM sector.

Big Apple Awards

Join us in celebrating three Ambassadors of our NYC Men Teach program for receiving the Big Apple Award for excellence in teaching. The Big Apple Award is a citywide recognition program celebrating New York City teachers who:

- ◆ inspire students
- ◆ model great teaching
- ◆ enrich their school communities

By honoring these teachers, we recognize all those who go above and beyond to serve our students and families!



Pedro Dones - Masters in Education City College 2013
 Middle School Mathematics Teacher
 Academy for Personal Leadership and Excellence (10X363)
 Bronx

Arturo Lazaro Jr. - Lehman + NYC Men Teach Ambassador
 High School Mathematics Teacher
 Math, Engineering, and Science Academy Charter High School (84K733)
 Brooklyn



Gregory Castro - Masters in TESOL Lehman 2019, 2015
 Undergraduate Degree in Education from Lehman College
 High School English Language Arts Teacher
 Esperanza Preparatory Academy (04M372)
 Manhattan

YMI Career Opportunity

We are hiring a special assistant to assist with project management on special projects, coordinate external affairs, conduct research and perform administrative tasks. Cover letters and resumes should be submitted to ymi@cityhall.nyc.gov by July 31st.