



YOUTH ENRICHMENT SERVICES

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University meets Community: Engineering Students Share Career Insights to YES Students



For January's Career Spotlight, University of Pittsburgh Engineering Students presented insights into their program and career trajectories. During their presentation, they shared personal experiences, challenges, and feelings of sweet victory as they near graduation in May. YES students enjoyed

learning about the different types and importance of engineers. This experience gave young people useful knowledge for obtaining engineering degrees and pursuing the profession.

YES Students "Get in the Kitchen"

This week, after a long wait, students were finally able to "get in the kitchen" to practice their culinary skills. Through the Common Goodness School, students received expert instruction in making bread crumb fried chicken, mashed potatoes, roasted seasoned potatoes, thousand island dressing, Italian dressing, fresh garden salad, southern cornbread, and apple crisp! While the food and instruction were superb, it was by far Mrs. Patty Irrgang's welcoming kitchen and heart that set this experience apart. Mrs. Patty accommodated YES' needs from start to finish and even provided students with recipes, food to take home, and a personal prepared chocolate chip cookie! Students also enjoyed the trip into Murrysville. The school is surrounded by large houses and lush forestry. Some students even took a car tour of the nearby neighborhood mansions where talks of future plans took place. All in all, it was a wonderful student experience that helped reinforce that cooking is good for the soul. YES looks forward to returning.





A Winning Streak: Celebrating Students' Academic Success

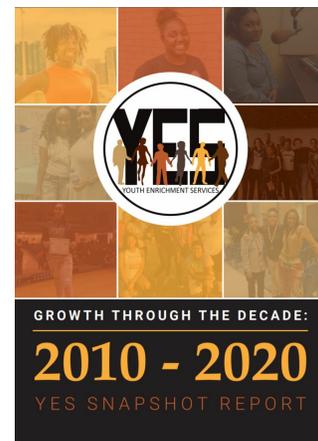


Learning in the virtual environment has been incredibly challenging for many students. Despite the obvious challenges, some students have continued to persist and achieve in the midst of difficulty. We take time to honor and express our appreciation to the YES students who have set the goal of maintaining a 4.0 grade point average and who have succeeded in meeting that goal, thus far. We are so very proud of these young people and look forward

to celebrating their continued successes. Keep up the good work and way to show grit, YES Students!

Celebrating Another Decade of YES

As 2020 ended, YES completed another successful decade of providing high-quality services to youth and families in our community. With such an eventful end to the decade, YES captured the essence of the last ten years in a culminating report informed by conversations, surveys, and other forms of reflection with past and current program participants and staff. The 10-year report, "Growth through the Decade – 2010 – 2020 YES Snapshot Report," serves to honor the legacy of YES while acknowledging the present moments and future preparation. Join YES in reflecting on the challenges overcome throughout the last decade by examining the portrait of YES painted in this report. A portrait that, like every other aspect of YES, is grounded in and driven by youth voices. YES is excited to share this lasting snapshot of meaningful work over the last decade and hopes to use this moment to spring into another decade of success! Click [HERE](#) to view the report.





Honoring Our Mentors



YES celebrated the end of National Mentoring Month by honoring and recognizing the mentors who have selflessly laid the foundation and who have positively impacted YES staff and students. Check out YES' [Instagram](#) for photos and videos honoring our mentors.

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