



YOUTH EXPERIENCING SUCCESS

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Dear Delaware County Community:

Welcome to the first edition to the Delaware County Youth Council e-newsletter. We have just finished a very successful spring, promoting the achievements and outstanding contributions our youth are making in the Delaware County community. As the Chair of the Youth Council, I feel honored to share in the development of our local youth.

Please spend a few moments to review the information provided. If you have any questions or comments please submit inquiries to heatherwarman@delcoyouthcouncil.org.

Sincerely,

Cathy Judge Fizzano
Chair of the Delaware County Youth Council



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2010 Youth Leadership Academy

On **April 19-21 2010**, the Delaware County Workforce Investment Board, Youth Council and Regional Career Education Partnership (RCEP) and the Foundation of the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce sponsored the second annual Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) of Delaware County. This three-day event provided an outstanding opportunity for 19 area 10th graders to meet and work with local business, government community and media leaders. This program was made possible through a grant from Comcast and RCEP funding.

The Youth Council's goal of the academy is to celebrate student achievement and the power of leadership, as well as to encourage Delaware County high school sophomores to become better prepared to take on future leadership opportunities. Our future depends so much on the next generation of individuals who are willing to accept the challenge.

Throughout the Academy, interactive sessions addressed a variety of topics, including Business Leadership, Future Trends in Delaware County, Working with the Media, Government/Political, and Non-Profit Leadership.

Mike Brady, President of the Delaware County Chamber and Dominick Savino, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce were joined by leaders from the Commerce Center; County Council and the District Attorney's Office. Other business leader representatives included Franklin Mint Credit Union; Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital; YMCA of Eastern Delaware County; United Way of Southeast Delaware; Pathway spa; Delaware County Times; Syndicate Pictures; Penn State-Brandywine and the Chester Economic Development Authority(CEDA.)



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YLA students pictured with (far left) - President of the Chamber of Commerce-Mike Brady. On right- Cathy Judge Fizzano, Chair of the Delaware County Youth Council; Trish McFarland, Vice President of the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce; Dominick Savino CEO & General Manager of Drexelbrook Catering facility & Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.



Students at a round table discussion with Kevin Broadhurst, Sr. Director of Government Affairs for Comcast. Comcast sponsored the YLA event.



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YLA students in a round table discussion with the Executive Director of the County of Delaware, Marianne Grace.



YLA students in a round table discussion with the President of the United Way of Southeast Delaware County- Doreen Storey.



Students conducting Q&A sessions with our Delaware County leaders.



YLA students with panelists Kevin Broadhurst from Comcast; Doreen Story, President of the United Way of Southeast Delaware County & David N. Sciocchetti, Executive Director of CEDA.



2010 Excellence in Youth Awards

The Delaware County Workforce Investment Board, its Youth Council and Delaware County Council, are excited to announce this year's Excellence in Youth.

This year we had over 160 youth, adults, and employers recognized for their exemplary commitment and dedication to improving the lives of youth, as well as others, in the Delaware County community.

2010 AWARD WINNERS

Youth: Group I

Indigo Brunson, Darby
Sydney Fail, Garnet Valley
Abigail Kleiman, Media
Alexis Galantino, Springfield

Youth: Group II

Brendan Fulmer, Broomall
Caitlyn Taboada, Aston
Hayden Dahmm, Springfield
Richard Tutak, Upper Chichester

Adults

Pasquale "Pat" Colleluori, Holmes
Joe Cirilli, Boothwyn
Nick Constantino, Broomall

Employers

Crozer Wellness Center
Community YMCA of Eastern Delaware County

If you know of someone deserving of a nomination, please
Contact Steve D'Avanzo at 610-447-1432 for a full list of criteria materials.



Student Spotlight:

Beginning in September 2009, the Delaware County Youth Council partnered with the Delaware County Times highlighting outstanding students who go the extra mile. Criteria for these students include being a Delaware County resident, active in schools clubs, actively volunteering in the community and mentoring others. Good deeds and exceptional stories may also be published.

To date, the following students have been featured:

- Samantha Golay- Academy Park
- Richard Tutak- Chichester
- Nicole Wright- Garnet Valley
- Madeline Howard-Haverford
- Shanice O'Connor-Penn Wood
- Leah Malmut- Strath Haven
- Ellen Fagan- Academy of Notre Dame
- Stephen Welcovitz- Strath Haven
- Kiara Franco- Upper Darby HS
- Sarah Budzick- Chichester
- Domenic Reif- Upper Darby HS
- Christopher Grassano- Garnet Valley HS
- Dormowa Kabbah- Upper Darby HS
- Joseph Palm- Sun Valley HS
- Kate McGovern- Academy of Notre Dame
- Joseph Paparo- Upper Darby HS

If you know of an outstanding student deserving of a nomination, or would like additional information, please contact **Madeline Bialecki** at **610.447.1433** or StudentSpotlight@delcoyouthcouncil.org



What is the Delaware County Youth Council?

The Youth Council is responsible for developing a comprehensive workforce investment strategy for youth programs and services. It identifies youth programs, develops requests for proposals and makes recommendations to the WIB Executive Committee on the allocation of funds for youth services. The Council also oversees the performance of youth programs and services.

Membership on the Youth Council include members of the WIB who have a special interest or expertise in youth policy; representatives of youth services agencies, including juvenile justice and local law enforcement agencies; representatives of local public housing authorities; parents of eligible youth; former participants of youth programs; and representatives of organizations with experience in youth activities.

For more information regarding the Youth Council or questions, please submit inquiries to heatherwarman@delcoyouthcouncil.org