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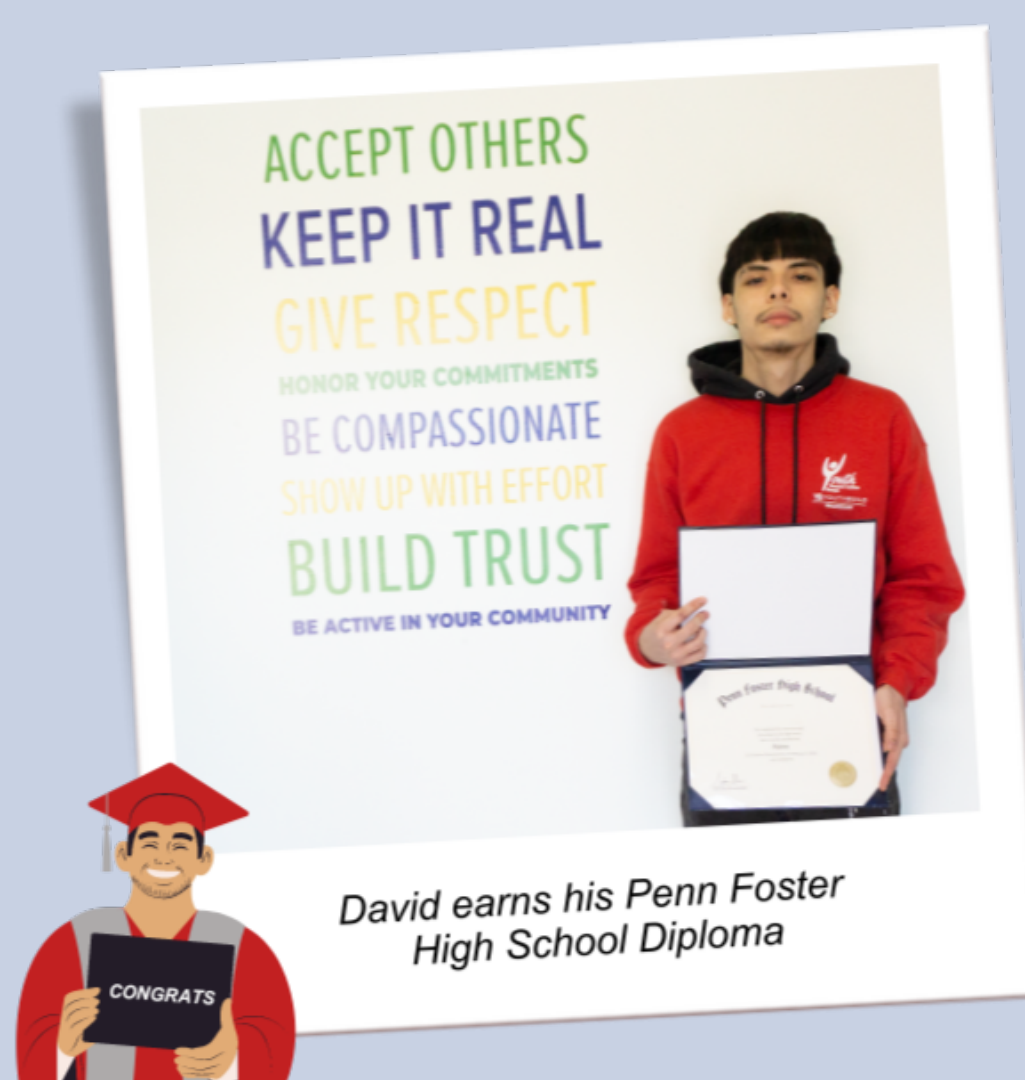


The Youth Conservation Corps celebrated International Women's Day on March 8th and is proud of the young women who commit to changing their lives. We celebrate their accomplishments every day!

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Member Milestones



Every month at YCC, we celebrate milestones as our members work towards – and achieve - their goals. These goals include education accomplishments, career pathway credentials, and employment, among others. Every day, members at YCC take steps towards their goals. There is always something to celebrate. Some of the milestones our members celebrated in February include:

- Jocelyn was hired at an urban farm.
- Michael earned his high school completion and took the exam to join the plumbers' union.
- Jayden and David earned their high school diplomas.
- A number of other members began the application process to attend College of Lake County.

Partnership Connections



YCC welcomed Edward Gallagher, Community Relations Representative for Pace Suburban Bus, on February 26. Mr. Gallagher shared information and resources with our members, from transportation services available to all Lake County residents – even if they do not live directly on a bus route – to career pathways that are available through Pace. One of the biggest barriers to employment for YCC members is transportation. The information that Mr. Gallagher shared will help our members overcome these barriers. He also shared stories about his experiences on the YCC staff as an AmeriCorps/Vista member at the beginning of his own career. It was great to have him back at YCC! Partnerships with Pace and other Lake County organizations are critical to our members' success.



Program Updates

Youth Conservation Corps welcomed the professional, straight-talking, and leadership-oriented services of Mr. (Pastor) Marvin Bemby to help in the implementation of its DEI/J (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice) program with members and staff in connection with its Gun Violence Prevention Initiative Program. He completed six-week leadership training sessions with several cohorts in the latter part of last year, 2023, in which he challenged members to examine, recognize, address, and change their mindsets. Mr. Bemby's presence has impacted the members in a positive way and change has already taken place. From group activities, to individualized discussions, the members have begun their journey in becoming leaders in the community and workforce. Mr. Bemby's ability to coach and relate his experiences with the members has encouraged them to start looking at decisions through a leadership perspective.

Community Impact



The last week of February saw YCC's YouthBuild members returning to Bernie's Book Bank in Lake Bluff for the first time since the pandemic occurred in 2020. Judging by the enjoyment expressed by the members, we'll be sure to visit again soon. Our crew was tasked with sorting and inspecting books held in large cardboard bins. During the two-hour session the YouthBuild team processed over 4,000 books which will now be given to elementary school-aged children at locations throughout Chicagoland. This is one of many ways that our members are helping with conservation efforts in Lake County.

YOU'RE INVITED

Featuring Ivy Ford



Join us for the second annual YCC
GENESSEE ROCKEGAN
APRIL 18, 2024
Doors open at 5:00 PM | Show starts at 6:30 PM
Buffet & Bar at 5:00 PM

Genessee Theatre
203 N Genessee St. Waukegan, IL 60085

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Rock out with YCC on Thursday, April 18, 2024! Enjoy delicious food accompanied by refreshing music at the Genessee Theater featuring Waukegan's own Ivy Ford! Doors open and buffet and bar start at 5, show starts at 6:30. Your support directly helps our members connect to education and employment opportunities. Buy tickets today! Contact us to learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

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