



Black History 2023

Resource Packet from your Parent Coordinator Ms. Pink





Hello Families,

It's your Parent Coordinator Ms. Pink. I hope all is well with you and your family. I put together this resource packet with some Amazing resources just for you. Please note the SYEP Applications are open. (details are in the packet). This month we Celebrate Black History Month. Scroll through the entire packet, enjoy the Black History facts, artwork on the pages, inspirational quotes, Black Health & Wellness section. Scroll through the Community Resources, Trade School Programs, Parenting Tips and more. Remember I'm just an email away. You can reach me at mpink@thewcs.org



SCHOOL NEWS





WILLIAMSBURG
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

WCHS UPDATES FOR THE WEEK OF 2/13/23 THROUGH 2/17/23

WCHS will be remote for the rest of this week through 2/17. Starting today, students will participate in remote synchronous instruction. Students log into the Google meet links for each period and follow their regular schedule.

Links will be posted in Canvas. After-school clubs and activities will also resume remotely.

For remote synchronous learning, students should log in on time with their school email at the start of each period, be in full uniform, have their cameras on, participate actively and complete assignments each period. School counselors, social workers and grade team members will continue to hold office hours for students to offer support in dealing with last week's events. The links will be emailed to students.

WCHS será remoto por el resto de esta semana hasta el 17/2. A partir de hoy, los estudiantes participarán en instrucción sincrónica remota. Los estudiantes inician sesión en los enlaces de reuniones de Google para cada período y siguen su horario habitual. Los enlaces se publicarán en Canvas. Los clubes y actividades después de la escuela también se reanudarán de forma remota.

Para el aprendizaje sincrónico remoto, el estudiante debe iniciar sesión a tiempo con su correo electrónico escolar al comienzo de cada período, estar en uniforme completo, tener sus cámaras encendidas, participar activamente y completar las tareas de cada período. Los consejeros escolares, los trabajadores sociales y los miembros del equipo de grado continuarán teniendo horas de oficina para ofrecer apoyo a los estudiantes para lidiar con los eventos de la semana pasada. Los enlaces se enviarán por correo electrónico a los estudiantes.

PARENTS CHECK YOUR EMAILS & PHONE MESSAGES FROM THE SCHOOL FOR FURTHER UPDATES



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Go to NYCSchoolSurvey.org and enter
your Access Code.

Please complete your school survey by
March 31st to be entered into our
GRAND RAFFLE!



When your survey is completed
PLEASE MAKE SURE TO EMAIL YOUR
CONFIRMATION TO MS. MEDINA AT
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TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE ENTERED
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TAKE THE
SURVEY

Visite a NYCSchoolSurvey.org y entra su
Código de Acceso.

¡Por favor llene la encuesta antes del **31
de marzo** para entrar en nuestra GRAN
RIFA!

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COMPLETE YOUR SCHOOL SURVEY TO BE ENTERED INTO OUR GRAND RAFFLE!



ONLINE at NYCSchoolSurvey.org using
your student's nine-digit identification
(OSIS) number from their student ID card.
Enter the letter "f" (lowercase) followed by
their student's nine-digit OSIS number,
and complete the survey.

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¡COMPLETE SU ENCUESTA ESCOLAR PARA ENTRAR EN NUESTRA GRAN RIFA!



EN NYCSchoolSurvey.org utilizando el
número de identificación de nueve dígitos
(OSIS) de su estudiante de su tarjeta de
identificación de estudiante. Ingrese la letra
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EN NUESTRA RIFA!



BE ON THE LOOK OUT
FOR THE...

WCHS COAT DRIVE!

Jan. 31st - Feb. 28th

This winter, we are partnering with New York Cares! They collect over 60,000 coats each year and distribute them to New Yorkers who need them most in the colder months. Help us by raising money for those in need.

LED BY NHS MEMBERS:
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ESTÉ ATENTO A LA...

¡COLECTA DE ABRIGOS DE WCHS!

31 de enero - 28 de febrero

¡Este invierno, nos asociamos con New York Cares! Recolectan más de 60,000 abrigos cada año y los distribuyen a los neoyorquinos que más los necesitan en los meses más fríos. Ayúdanos recaudando dinero para los necesitados.

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THE MEANING OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



YESTERDAY - TODAY - TOMMOROW



What is Black History Month?

It is an annual celebration originated in the United States that extends through February of every year to recognize the sacrifices and achievements that African Americans have contributed throughout history.



It celebrates the **resilience**, **determination** and **legacies** of all Black people from all periods of U.S. history, from the first enslaved people brought over from Africa in the early 17th century to African Americans living in the United States today.



It takes place in February of every year
as this month coincides with the
birthdays of two prominent US figures
who played a role in abolishing slavery:
former US President Abraham Lincoln
and social activist and reformer
Frederick Douglas.



It started as a way of teaching students and
young people about Black and
African-Americans' contributions. Now, it has
become a celebration of those who've impacted
the world with their activism and achievements.

It has since been observed in different parts of
the world to recognize the people and events
that helped shape the history of the African
diaspora.

Black History Month serves as
reminder to persevere, have
resilience against adversity, and
always do what is right.



Every year, particular theme is
chosen for Black History
Month that highlights an
aspect of African American
History and the African
American community.

For 2023, the theme is "**Black
Resistance**" highlighting the
opposition to oppressive
systems across history, and
how the legacies of the
previous generations have
impacted today's society.



**PLACES TO GO DURING BLACK HISTORY
MONTH & SITES TO VISIT VIRTUALLY**



"Heritage: Exploring the Past, Present, and Future in Black Art"

The Arsenal Gallery in Central Park, in conjunction with the Parks Department, will present "Heritage: Exploring the Past, Present, and Future in Black Art," an exhibition featuring the artwork of NYC Parks employees exploring their Black heritage in various media. Artists included are Tuwanda Harmon, Preston R. Coston. Jr., Buddy Esquire, Claudette Ramos and Patrick Forman. The show, which runs Feb. 2-March 9, also includes vintage hip-hop flyers and invitations produced by NYC Parks' Ebony Society. Find out more info about the free exhibit: **Arsenal Gallery: Heritage: Exploring the Past, Present, and Future in Black Art - Feb 2, 2023 : NYC Parks** (nycgovparks.org). ***Arsenal Gallery, 64th St/Fifth Ave inside Central Park***

Black Future Festival at the Brooklyn Children's Museum

(NYC)

February 19-26



Join the Brooklyn Children's Museum for a week's worth of reflection and future-forward fun at the Black Future Festival, featuring everything from interactive dance and historical explorations to art, music, food, and more. Experience powerful performances by the **Àṣẹ Dance Theatre Collective**, learn about the quilt codes used to navigate the **Underground Railroad**, join the **Brooklyn United** drum line for a percussion workshop, and more. Visit the website for further details: [Home - Brooklyn Children's Museum \(brooklynkids.org\)](https://brooklynkids.org)

Hip Hop Heroes: Create a Comic Book Cover at the Hudson River Museum (Hudson Valley)

February 25-26



Fifty years ago, hip hop was born at a party in the Bronx, changing music history forever. Celebrate this milestone and Black History Month at the Hudson River Museum where kids will learn the history of the genre and its impact on pop culture. With the help of Yonkers-based artist Evan Bishop, kids will tap into their creative side, drawing up a hip hop superhero in their own image and producing an original comic book cover that will be featured in an upcoming exhibit. The workshop is designed for audiences of different abilities, ages, and skill levels. For more details visit: [Hudson River Museum \(hrm.org\)](https://www.hudsonrivermuseum.org)



Jazz at Lincoln Center Dizzy's Club

Jazz at Lincoln Center Dizzy's Club celebrates Black History Month with a range of performers, including McCoy Mrubata's Celebrate Africa; Afro-Brazilian performer Nilson Matta; a festive Mardi Gras celebration from the Gotham Kings; the Roy Hargrove Big Band playing Hargrove originals as well as standards; pianists including Aaron Diehl, Sean Mason and Cyrus Chestnut; and An Evening in Honor of Stanley Crouch, co-founder of Jazz at Lincoln Center. Check out full ticket and date information: **2023 Black History Month — Jazz at Lincoln Center**. *Dates throughout February, Upper West Side*



 National
Center for
Learning
Disabilities



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND DISABILITY RIGHTS. In recognition of Black History Month, [NCLD](https://www.nclد.org/) (National Center for Learning Disabilities) has curated a selection of resources that illustrate the ongoing significance of African American voices within the disability rights movement, including a series of conversations that examine the challenges of self-advocacy for Black girls with learning disabilities. **Learn more** <https://www.nclد.org/nclد-celebrates-black-history-month>

#BLACKHISTORYMONTH

INFLUENTIAL BLACK ARTISTS






Faith Ringgold

(b.1930)

American artist, activist, author, and educator who captures and displays the history of African Americans. Her work embodies African Americans who continue to thrive despite years of ignored civil rights and daily discrimination. She continues to pave the way for women artists.



Kehinde Wiley

(b.1977)

Nigerian American portrait painter who made history when he became the first Black artist to paint an official presidential portrait. Obama selected Wiley because he is known for his highly naturalistic paintings of African Americans.





Jean-Michele Basquiat

(1960 - 1988)

American poet, musician, and graffiti prodigy. His work helped elevate graffiti artists into the realm of the New York gallery scene. The artist's *Untitled* (1982) was sold at an auction for \$110.5 million. This set a new record for the highest price ever paid at auction for an American artist's work.





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Jacob Lawrence

(1917 - 2000)

American painter who artistically documented the African American experience. He was the first African American artist to feature in the MOMA's permanent collection, and in 1990, he received the U.S. National Medal of Arts.

Augusta Savage

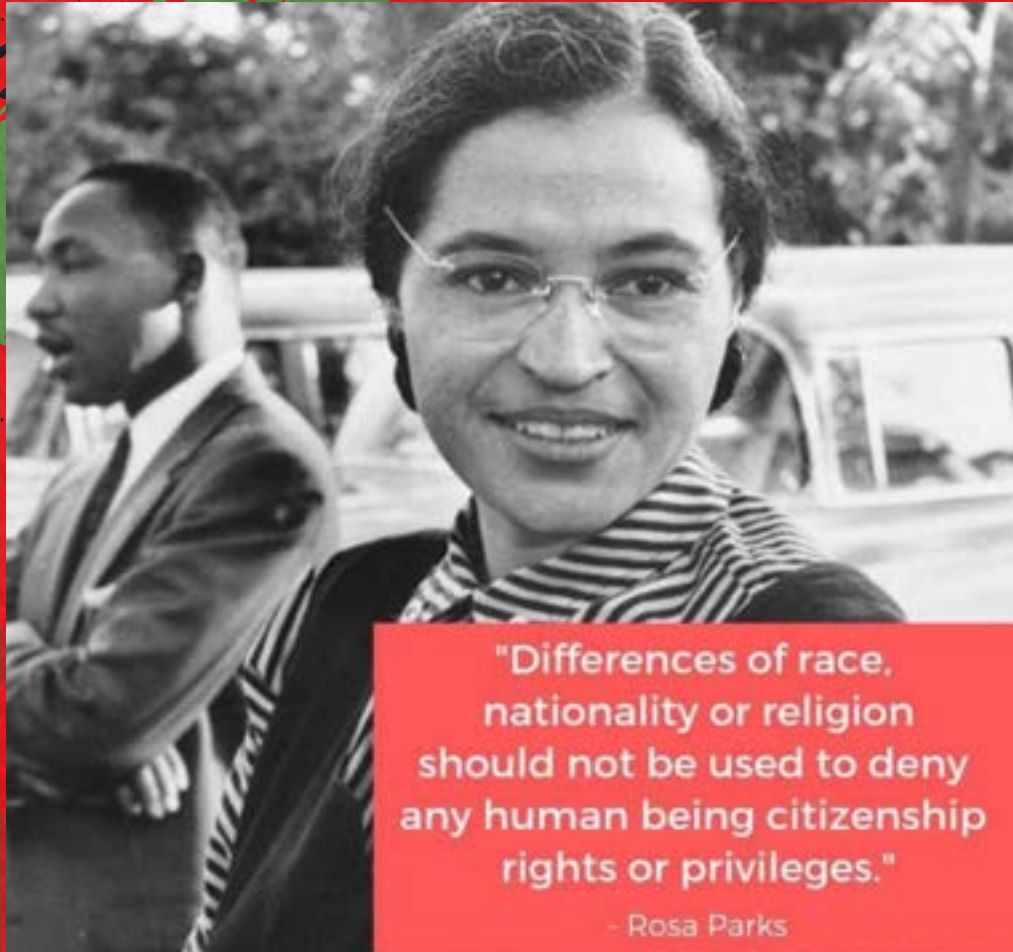
(1892 - 1962)

Born in Florida, Augusta was an American sculptor associated with the Harlem Renaissance. She established the Harlem Community Art Center, where she led classes and helped launch the careers of African American artists.



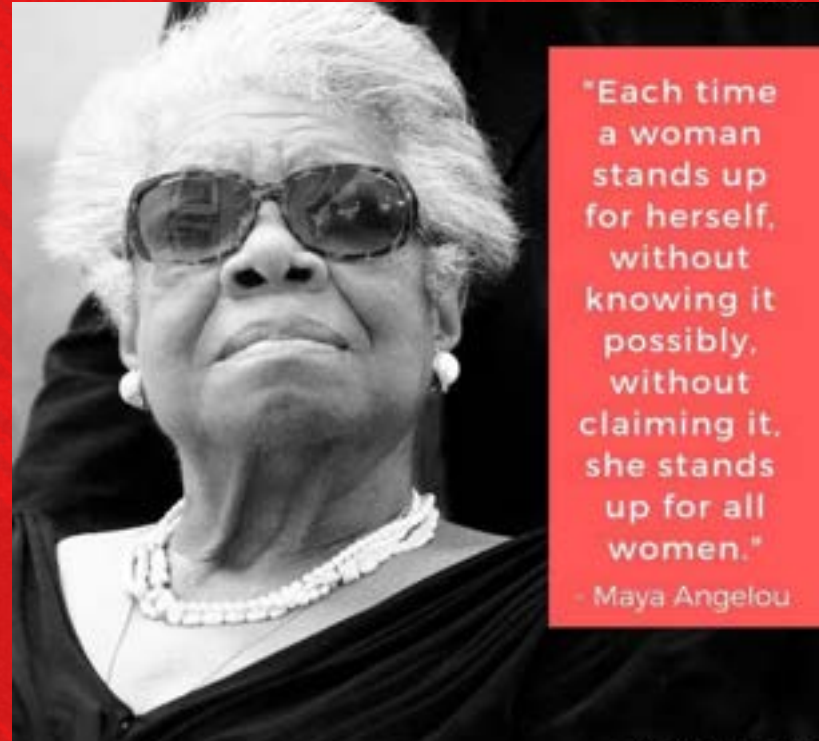
**CELEBRATING BLACK
EXCELLENCE PAST & PRESENT**





"Differences of race,
nationality or religion
should not be used to deny
any human being citizenship
rights or privileges."

- Rosa Parks



"Each time
a woman
stands up
for herself,
without
knowing it
possibly,
without
claiming it,
she stands
up for all
women."

- Maya Angelou



Langston Hughes was a singular voice in American poetry, writing with vivid imagery and jazz-influenced rhythms about the everyday Black experience in the United States. While best-known for his modern, free-form poetry with superficial simplicity masking deeper symbolism, Hughes worked in fiction, drama, and film as well.

Fast Facts: Langston Hughes

Full Name: James Mercer Langston Hughes

Known For: Poet, novelist, journalist, activist

Born: February 1, 1902 in Joplin, Missouri

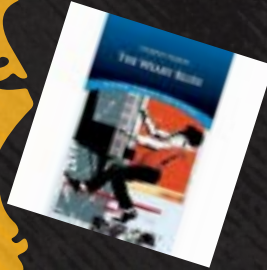
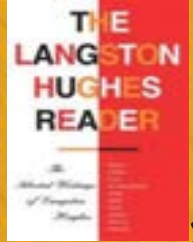
Parents: James and Caroline Hughes (née Langston)

Died: May 22, 1967 in New York, New York

Education: Lincoln University of Pennsylvania

Selected Works: *The Weary Blues*, *The Ways of White Folks*, *The Negro Speaks of Rivers*, *Montage of a Dream Deferred*

Notable Quote: "My soul has grown deep like the rivers."



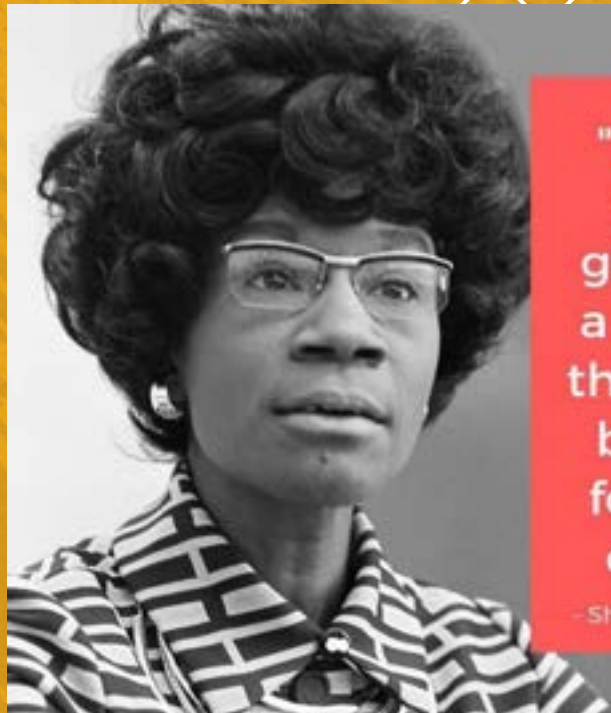
"Women,
if the soul of
the nation is
to be saved,
I believe
that you
must
become
its soul."

- Coretta Scott King



"If they
don't
give you
a seat at
the table,
bring a
folding
chair."

- Shirley Chisholm





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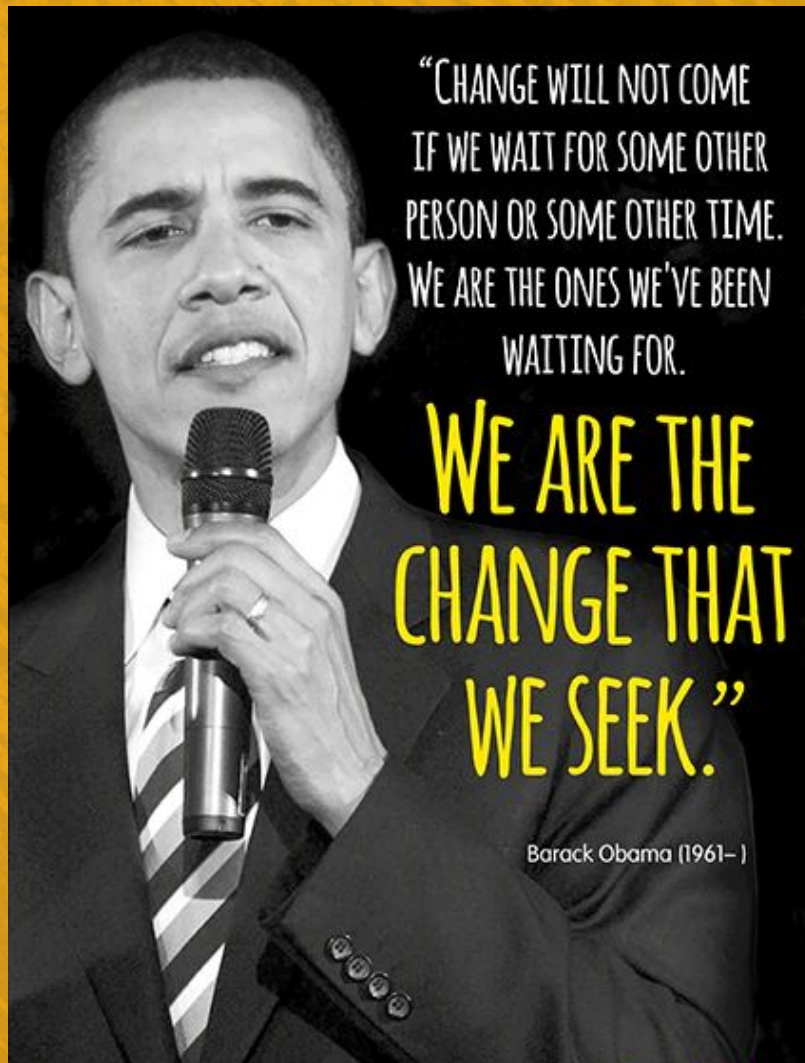
Wells, an activist and journalist in the 19th and 20th centuries, focused her efforts on the intersections of race, gender, and violence. She investigated the lynching of Black men and the ways in which racial stereotypes against Black men were used by White mobs to justify lynching. Wells spoke openly about violence that Black people across the South fled from. She also stood against suffragists who pushed harmful stereotypes of Black men as rapists and those who refused to advocate for the right to vote for Black women. Wells helped found the first Black women's organizations, including the NACW and the NAACP. She mentored some of the most prominent early civil rights activists, and the American Civil Rights Movement adopted many of her activism strategies.



ROSA PARKS

12 years before sparking the Alabama Bus Boycotts, Parks investigated sexual assaults and was an early pioneer in the anti-sexual violence movement. Parks was a branch secretary for the NAACP in Alabama, where she investigated the ways in which the criminal justice system impacted Black communities. Parks had two focuses: protecting Black men from false allegations and ensuring that Black victims of sexual violence by White perpetrators saw justice. Parks investigated Recy Taylor's case and used the same tactics to support Gertrude Perkins after she was assaulted by two White police officers.





"CHANGE WILL NOT COME
IF WE WAIT FOR SOME OTHER
PERSON OR SOME OTHER TIME.
WE ARE THE ONES WE'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR.

**WE ARE THE
CHANGE THAT
WE SEEK."**

Barack Obama (1961–)





"Don't ever underestimate the impact you can have, because history has shown us that courage can be contagious, and hope can take on a life of its own."

- Michelle Obama

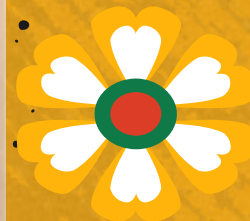


"Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations."

- Dr. Mae Jemison
First African American
Female Astronaut

Diving 🌊 into #BlackHistoryMonth with a reflection on Andrea Motley Crabtree's ground-breaking #ArmyPossibilities. She was the Army's first female deep-sea diver and the first African American female deep-sea diver in any branch of service.

Read more 📖 <https://army.mil/article/263473>



Charlotte E. Ray 1850-1911

The first African American female lawyer in the U.S. Ms. Ray graduated from Howard University School of Law in 1872. She was also the first female admitted to the District of Columbia Bar, and the first woman admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. She opened her own law office and ran advertisements in a newspaper run by Frederick Douglass- However, she only practiced for a few years because of prejudice against African Americans and women made her business unsustainable. [#blackhistorymonthfactoftheday](#)



Alexander Miles

Alexander Miles was an African-American inventor. He was best known for being awarded a patent for an automatically opening and closing elevator door. He was awarded the patent, U.S. Patent 371,207, on October 11, 1887.



Nigerian Artist, John Amanam is the first African to produce hyper-realistic prostheses for black people.

He is the CEO of Immortal Cosmetic Art.

Read more here: www.theafricandreamsl.com





Highlighting **Black Early Childhood Leaders and Their Impact on the Industry**



Dr. Evangeline Ward

Dr. Ward was an early childhood education professor at Temple University, and the author of several books that outlined a code of ethics for early childhood professionals. This was an important step for the sector because it provided a base of professionalism for educators, and this level of professionalism is a constant talking point for childcare advocates to this day.

Her other literary work focused on the importance of treating children as individuals, the value of an educator's ongoing learning, and the educator's role in working with families.

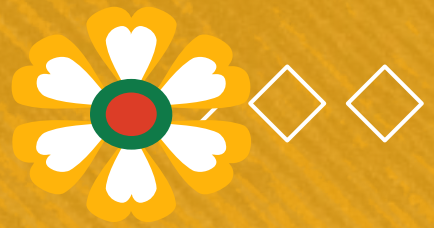




Rita Pierson

In 2013, Rita performed a TED talk titled *Every Kid Needs a Champion*, detailing the importance of connection and relationship building when teaching young children. She identified the need for positive reinforcement and the role of the adult in developing a child's self-esteem, alongside rote learning. An advocate for treating children with basic human respect, her philosophies align with the pillars of how learning happens: belonging, well-being, engagement, and expression.

These are the pillars that most early childhood educators are shaped with today.



Dr. Eugenia Duodu

Dr. Duodu's 2019 TED talk, *The Unlikely Scientist*, illustrates the internal and external systemic challenges she faced as a young Black woman pursuing a career in science, part of her mission is to make science accessible for children who grow up in similar social conditions – especially young girls. She has combined her passions for community work and science and is now the CEO of Visions of Science Network, a program that works with underprivileged youths to engage them in science, technology, engineering, and math.



YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

SYEP Applications are OPEN! The Deadline to submit applications is 04/01/2023. There are 47 days left before the deadline.



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Youth & Community
Development

Summer
Youth
Employment
Program

The 2023 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is now accepting applications.

APPLY NOW!

READY TO **WORK** THIS SUMMER?

SYEP APPLICATIONS OPENS

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Questions? Contact:

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- CareerReady@hanac.org
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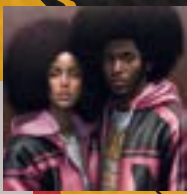


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SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN NOW

- Learn about career opportunities
 - Make a difference in your neighborhood
 - Improve your work readiness
- Find more info and apply
at on.nyc.gov/YouthEmploy





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FEBRUARY - OCTOBER '23

9 MONTH PAID PROGRAM

\$400 MONTHLY STIPEND

Program Overview:

Participants will work with city agencies, community leaders, artists, and more to reimagine safety and wellness for New York City

Goal:

Uplift youth voices in shaping policies that impact your communities while gaining new skills and exploring new interests!

Age and Development Eligibility:

Youth between 16-22 years at ONS NYCHA sites (as listed in application)

To apply visit
tinyurl.com/ONSYL2023
or scan the QR code



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