Afterschool's Next Generation of Leaders
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Spotlight
NAA Next Generation Honoree Rachel Roseberry

Each year the National AfterSchool Association names a select group of emerging young leaders under 30 in the afterschool field as their NAA Next Generation of Afterschool Leaders. The National AfterSchool Association seeks to highlight emerging young leaders who are afterschool champions and believers in the power of afterschool. Young leaders who are active in the afterschool community and who are starting to design programs, professional development, and other contributions that will influence their programs and organizations—with the potential to provide broad and long-term impact.

Rachel Roseberry, is one of the thirty individuals selected nationwide and one of three chosen from New York. We spoke with Roseberry to discuss the work she does and the benefits of afterschool programs.

In her current position as Literacy Manager with ExpandED Schools, she works to build the capacity of out-of-school time educators to support the literacy lives of students. Roseberry does this by conducting capacity-building workshops on literacy topics that are open to all Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) program staff in New York City.

Roseberry has long been passionate about literacy and working with youth as evidenced by her work prior to her time with ExpandED Schools. After graduating college Roseberry taught 4th grade with Teach for America, followed by a year of service with Americorps at the Robinson Community Learning Center. She later became the Assistant Director of Youth Programs at the Center, learning more about the afterschool, summer learning, and expanded learning fields. During and after time at Vanderbuilt for graduate school, Roseberry worked as a Literacy Coach with the Nashville After Zone Alliance (NAZA), a network of afterschool programs for middle school students housed in the Community Education and Outreach Department of the Nashville Public Library. Roseberry explains how her four years at NAZA solidified her passion for afterschool, “I saw the power that afterschool literacy brought to our students – a sustainable love for reading and the opportunity to write to express their opinions, their creative ideas, and their identities – and knew that I wanted to continue on a path that would allow me to engage in rich literacy work with youth outside of the traditional school day.”
Roseberry continues to stay connected to the field by providing workshops for afterschool programs in New York City as well as supporting several signature literacy projects at ExpandED Schools in a training, coaching, and curricular development capacity. Each of the workshops are designed to help afterschool educators across the city bring the best practices of literacy education into their program. Roseberry explains, “One of the most rewarding, and humbling, aspects of my job has been the opportunity to meet so many incredible afterschool educators from across New York City. I’ve met poets who work with 1st graders, full-time college students who balance demanding studies with a commitment to kids, and staff who grew up in the very programs in which they now work.”

**Summer Learning Loss**

**The Importance of Summer Learning Opportunities**

Check out our [newest video](#), featuring some of our partners, on the importance of summer learning opportunities!

Summer learning loss accounts for two-thirds of the achievement gap in reading for ninth grade students. While summer learning opportunities are available to students from middle to high-income families, most students from low-income communities lack access to quality summer learning opportunities. This, in turn, leads to the disproportionate gap in academic achievement for students from low-income families and their middle income peers.

**Resource**

**3 Things Everyone Should Know About SEL in Afterschool**

We know that afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programming have a significant impact on kids.

Take a look at any of the numerous reports or research studies that show the positive effects of afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs—or better yet, talk to a professional in any local program. You will quickly understand that afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs are important for kids to learn, grow, and be safe.

Likewise, social and emotional learning (SEL) is a critical part of every kid's development. Through SEL, kids learn how to manage their emotions, set and achieve goals, overcome obstacles, and develop healthy relationships—skills necessary to succeed in school, be prepared for the workforce, and lead positive and healthy lives. As with afterschool, research tells us that SEL leads to positive changes in kids’ lives in and out of the classroom.

Check out [this article](#) from NAA to learn more about the importance of SEL in afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs!
Upcoming Events

***North Country Training Institute Registration Is Open!***
The North Country Training Institute will cover topics relevant to school-age providers in afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs. This day-long event in Lake Placid features four 90-minute sessions (a total of 6 hours of training). Register Online Now* or visit our website for more details!

5/1-5/4: BOOST Conference, California
The BOOST Conference, organized by the BOOST Collaborative, will take place May 1-4, 2018 at the Palm Springs Convention Center in Palm Springs, California. More information and tickets can be found here.

5/3- 5/4: Free Positive Youth Development 101 Training, Syracuse
This highly interactive 2-day training will explore key principles of youth development such as building youth positive outcomes, supportive relationships and environments for youth, youth voice and engagement opportunities, as well as, effective programming strategies. It will also examine the role of the youth worker by discussing core competencies and dilemmas of youth work. The event will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Syracuse and will be from 9:00 am- 4:00 pm both days. This is a free training, but attendees are asked to commit to attend both training days. Please send registration information electronically to Amy Breese at act4youth@cornell.edu. If you have any questions, contact Jutta Dotterweich at 607-255-4108 or jd81@cornell.edu.

5/7: ACEs Annual Capital District Symposium, Capital Region
This workshop offers individuals with various responsibilities across a wide span of human services a unique opportunity to gain important and useful knowledge about the effects of trauma on brain development, how prevention and trauma-informed care can be of significant benefit, and how ACE-informed practice can assist with prescriptive treatment and improved use of resources. The program will be especially targeted to DSS Caseworkers and Supervisors, Child Welfare Administrators, Clinicians and Therapists, Juvenile Probation Staff, Special Education Professionals, Health Care Practitioners, Direct Care Staff and Supervisors within the non-profit provider sector, and others working with children. Registration can be found here!

5/8: What's Great in Our State, Capital Region
This free event at the NYS Museum honors individuals and programs that are successfully addressing the issues of children's mental health, including work on early identification, outreach, family education, providing mental health awareness in schools and successful intervention on behalf of children and their families. There will also be a presentation of proclamation from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo declaring the week of May 3rd Children's Mental Health Awareness Week in New York State. More information and registration can be found here.

5/10: SciGirls Connect, Capital Region
Join Jenn Baumstein, SciGirls Connect Trainer, and Director of Community Engagement for WMHT Public Media, for a FREE SciGirls Training. Learn about the myriad of ways in which SciGirls can be used in your program to encourage STEM-based learning for all students, not just girls! Explore the SciGirls Seven, and practice some of the activities created by the SciGirls team. Follow this link to register!

5/15: Operating an Afterschool Program: Liability and Regulatory Issues, NYC
The Lawyers Alliance for New York is holding a training on May 15 from 9:30- 11:30 in New York City. This workshop will discuss liability for negligence, proper classification of employees, independent contractors, and volunteers, and regulatory requirements in the areas of facilities, staffing requirements, background screening, and child abuse reporting. In addition, this workshop will provide guidance for directors of afterschool programs to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations and decrease liability exposure. Participants will be able to identify and mitigate common legal risks associated with the operation of an afterschool program and understand New York State regulatory requirements for school age child care programs. Click here for more information and to register.

5/19: North Country Training Institute, North Country
The North Country Training Institute will cover topics relevant to school-age providers in afterschool, summer, and expanded learning programs. This day-long event features four 90-minute sessions (a total of 6 hours of training). Register Online Now* or visit our website for more details!

5/26: CRELO Final Director's Meeting, Capital Region
Our fifth and final Director's Meeting of the school year will include a 1/2 hour of networking opportunities and a chance to share resources. This will be followed by a discussion on family engagement! Registration can be found here!

5/30: Schenectady Youth Summit, Capital Region
The Schenectady Youth Summit is scheduled for Wednesday, May 30th at Proctors. They have renewed their effort to listen to—and to use the voice and perspective of youth — to inform and inspire our work to advance their development and well-being. The Summit will bring together 300 youth and caring adults from Schenectady County in World Café style conversation and problem-solving. The day kicks off in Proctors GE Theatre at 9 am. Please watch for details and online registration soon!

7/1: Breakthrough Junior Challenge Submissions Due
Breakthrough Junior Challenge is an annual, global competition for students, designed to inspire creative thinking about science. Students, ages 13 to 18, from countries across the globe are invited to create and submit an original video, no more than 3 minutes in length, that brings to life a concept or theory in the life sciences, fundamental physics or mathematics. The submissions are judged on the student’s ability to communicate complex scientific ideas in the most engaging, illuminating, and imaginative ways. The student winner receives a $250,000 college scholarship, their school gets a new $100,000 state-of-the-art science lab, and their teacher wins $50,000 teacher prize. Learn more about how to enter here!

7/12: National Summer Learning Day

7/24: PASE @ PACE

7/29-7/31: New York STEM Education Collaborative 2018 Conference
STEM educators, save the date for a summer conference! The New York STEM Education Collaborative wants you attend their 2018 conference! This organization unites state teacher associations in science, math, engineering, technology, and related fields in one conference. Come to Alfred, NY July 29th to 31st to connect with educators, businesses, and leaders from around the state who want to improve STEM education! More details can be found here!

11/10: Rochester Training Institute, Rochester
Save the Date! Our Rochester Training Institute will take place Saturday, November 10th, 2018.