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Agenda

10:00 AM

Welcome – JoAnna Rozier-Johnson,
Community Action Organization of Erie County, Inc.

10:15 AM

Featured Speaker – Karim Abouelnaga, Chief Executive Officer
and Founder of Practice Makes Perfect

10:35 AM

Summer Learning Scholar – Robert Miller, Rochester, NY

10:40 AM

Summer Learning in Community Schools –
Chris Caruso, NYC DOE Office of Community Schools

10:55 AM

Featured Speaker – Anna Drezen, Comedian, Author,
and Emmy-nominated Writer for Saturday Night Live

11:10 AM

Summer Learning Scholar – Autumn Knight, Binghamton, NY

11:15 AM

Panel Discussion on Developing Summer Learning Programs –
Moderator – Abe Fernandez, Children's Aid
Panelists – Luis Perez, Greater Rochester Summer Learning Association
Emily Hofelich-Bowler, Addison Youth Center
Daniel Guillen, NYC Department of Youth and Community Development

11:45 AM

Summer Learning Scholar – Shamima Sharmin, Brooklyn, NY

11:50 AM

Closing Remarks

12:30 – 2:00 PM

Working Sessions – Pre-registration required, capacity limited

Featured Speakers

Karim Abouelnaga - Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Practice Makes Perfect
Karim is the founder and CEO of Practice Makes Perfect a Benefit Corporation that partners with K-12 schools to deliver high quality, academic summer programs. He received over a quarter million dollars in scholarships to make his education possible. Karim founded PMP at 18, writes for Entrepreneur and Forbes, is a TED Fellow, Echoing Green Fellow, and at 23 was named to Forbes' 30 under 30 list in Education. In 2016, he was ranked in the top 5 most powerful young entrepreneurs under 25 in the world by Richtopia. Karim graduated from Cornell University in 2013 and is currently pursuing a Masters in Education Policy at Columbia University.

Anna Drezen - Comedian, Author, and Emmy-nominated Writer for Saturday Night Live
Anna is a comedian, writer, and actor living in Brooklyn, NY. She is currently a writer for Saturday Night Live. She regularly performs standup and sketch comedy at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre, the People's Improv Theater, Union Hall, the Annoyance, and other clubs across the country. She is the editor-at-large of Reductress, a satirical women's magazine (Forbes, "Best Websites for Women"), and is the coauthor of Reductress' debut humor book, How to Win at Feminism (HarperOne). Anna is also a member of the Story Pirates, an educational organization that performs hilarious stories written by kids. NYU Tisch grad. She loves soup.

Chris Caruso - Executive Director, NYC DOE Office of Community Schools
Chris is a social entrepreneur at the intersection of schools and communities. Early in his career he worked at Children's Aid, first as program director in a community school, and later moving to the central office to become the first budget director for community schools. In '02, Chris became budget director at the Human Resources Administration; in '04 he moved to the Department of Youth and Community Development, where he was eventually appointed Assistant Commissioner for Out-of-School Time (OST), overseeing the Mayoral initiative that created the country's largest OST system; in 2010 he went to lead generationOn, a national education and youth service organization; and in late 2011 became Senior Vice President at ExpandED Schools. Chris joined the de Blasio Administration in 2015 as Executive Director for Community Schools at the Department of Education.

Panelists

Abe Fernández (Moderator) - Director of Collective Impact, Children's Aid

Abe joined Children's Aid in 2003 as an assistant director of community schools and went on to become the deputy director of Children's Aid's National Center for Community Schools, providing on- and off-site coaching, training, and consultation to many community school initiatives across the country. Prior to joining Children's Aid, Abe was the director of youth services and ran the multiservice Washington Houses Community Center at Union Settlement Association in East Harlem. He started his career as a middle school mathematics teacher and director of the Summerbridge/Breakthrough program in the Bronx. Abe is a graduate of Brown University and the Institute for Not-for-Profit Management at Columbia Business School.

Emily Hofelich-Bowler - Executive Director, The Friends of the Addison Youth Center
Emily oversees four programs in a small rural school district spanning 215 square miles in the Southern Tier of New York. Programs serve students grades K-12, so every day is different. Emily also serves on Advisory Boards for the Expanded Learning Network of the Southern Tier, Addison Community Food Pantry, Prevent Child Abuse Steuben, Food Bank of the Southern Tier Advocacy Committee, and Addison Community Pride.

Daniel Guillen - Deputy Director of Operations for COMPASS-NYC at DYCD
Daniel manages the logistics and compliance for COMPASS funded summer programs in New York City. Specializing in operations, quality assurance, and community partnerships, Daniel has led successful initiatives for a diverse group of organizations including the GO Project, BELL (Building Educated Leaders for Life), Alianza and as President of the Dominican Student Association in City College as a Public Administration Major.

Luis A. Perez, LMSW - Director of Program Support and Expansion for the Greater Rochester Summer Learning Association

Luis has committed the past 30+ years to helping low-income, inner-city children be successful academically and in life. Prior to joining GRSLA full-time in 2016, he served as Executive Director of the Horizons program at the Harley School. He received his Masters Degree in Social Work from Roberts Wesleyan College, a Bachelor's of Science in Social Work from Nazareth College of Rochester, and an AAS in Human Services from Monroe Community College.

2017 Summer Learning Scholars

Robert Miller - Boys and Girls Club of Rochester, Rochester, NY

Robert is a senior at Rochester Academy Charter School. He is planning on studying Fashion Merchandising after he graduates high school. Some of Robert's interests are modeling, designing, styling, and advertisement. Robert's goal in life is to spread positivity in his school, community, and anywhere else he goes. He enjoys playing the drums at his church and playing basketball at the Boys and Girls Club.

Autumn Knight - Windsor Strong Summer Academy, Binghamton, NY

Autumn Knight is a 9th grader from Binghamton. She loves to write and also enjoys spending time with her friends and loves them dearly. Autumn also loves cats; she has a cat named Shadow who she adores! Autumn hopes to use her summer learning program as an inspiration for other students like herself.

Shamima Sharmin - Girls Who Code, Brooklyn, NY

Shamima Sharmin is an 11th grader from New York City. She is a young female student soon to major in computer science. Shamima's hobbies include programming and playing volleyball. Shamima has participated in the Girls Who Code summer immersion program, which helped motivate her to pursue the world of technology. She hopes to inspire other young girls like herself to pursue STEM careers.