Conference Registration/Nominations Open, FRAC Webinars and More!

November 13, 2019

Power of 3:00 Ambassador Spotlight - Simone Miranda
Simone Miranda, Community Learning Center Project Manager, Schenectady City School District

Meet Simone Miranda, our second 2019-2020 Power of 3:00 Ambassador we have decided to spotlight. Simone holds the position of Community Learning Center Project Manager at Schenectady City School District (SCSD). She began working for SCSD more than five years ago. Currently she oversees programs in five school buildings/sites that serves grade levels 3-12 for afterschool and summer programs.

Simone recently successfully implemented a project-based learning program in the 21st Century Afterschool Program where students wrote and published their own books. In connection with that program Simone will be hosting the 2nd Author’s Event and a culminating event for the NASA Engineering Design Challenge with 22st CCLC’s Elementary and Middle Schools. The Author’s Event will be comprised of student’s published books. The culminating event will showcase students' work with NASA scientists and engineers as part of a unique collaboration offered through the U.S. Department of Education’s 21st Century Community Learning Centers program.
Her favorite part of her job she states, “is being able to provide unique and engaging opportunities for students and families.” As a Power of 3:00 Ambassador, she would like to spread awareness and showcase the impact that afterschool and summer programs have in students’ academic success.

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**Registration and Award Nomination for the 2020 Annual Conference Now Open!**

Registration is now open for our 2020 Annual Conference. In addition to two full days of trainings, and vendors, we are now also accepting award nominations. For the second year in a row we will be giving out awards based to those who represent and illustrate the following at high levels: quality leadership, exemplary professionalism, program excellence & innovation, champion of the field, and Regional Network Leader. For further information on the criteria of the former or to nominate someone, [click here](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=c64bdf719d&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1652107895200739334&simpl=msg-f%3A16521078952...).

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**2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

New York's statewide conference for Afterschool, Summer, and Expanded Learning Professionals

Friday, March 20
Saturday, March 21, 2020

Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY

[www.NetworkForYouthSuccess.org](http://www.NetworkForYouthSuccess.org)

Click below to register today!

**National Summer Learning Association Awards**

Each year, the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) recognizes the outstanding work done during the summer months on behalf of our nation’s youth. [Applications for the 2020 Summer Learning Awards are now open](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=c64bdf719d&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1652107895200739334&simpl=msg-f%3A16521078952...).

Candidates for the Summer Learning Awards are exceptional summer programs, models, and systems that keep children and youth learning, safe, and healthy during the critical summer months.

There are two categories of Summer Learning Awards. The New York Life Foundation Excellence in Summer Learning Award, defined by its rigorous application and selection process, has recognized enrollment-based programs employing staff who work directly with youth since 2005.

More information and profiles of past winners are available on the [Summer Learning Awards page](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=c64bdf719d&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1652107895200739334&simpl=msg-f%3A16521078952...). of NSLA’s website.

Winning programs receive:

- A monetary prize of $10,000, generously provided by The New York Life Foundation;
- National recognition through speaking engagements, NSLA’s publications, and media campaigns to include a press release and visibility on NSLA’s social media platforms;
An award reel shown at NSLA's national conference Summer Changes Everything™, and
An official award seal for use on their website and in program publications.

The deadline to apply is Wednesday, December 4, 2018
NSLA will hold a Summer Learning Awards Kick-off Webinar November 14 to discuss this year's application and answer any questions you might have about the process. We will be joined by Jake Weinfeld, Executive Director of MERIT Health Leadership Academy, and winner of a 2019 Excellence in Summer Learning Award.

FRAC Webinars

Breakfast Matters Webinar, Thursday, November 14, 3:00 PM EST
Direct certification, an electronic data-matching process, is an important tool for ensuring that low-income children receive free breakfast and lunch without barriers. School districts benefit from the reduction in the number of school meal applications that they must process as more students are determined eligible for free school meals through direct certification. This results in greater administrative savings for the district, which allows them to put those resources into improving meal quality and service. Additionally, community eligibility — a beneficial federal option for high-poverty school districts to offer school meals at no-cost to all students — is built on direct certification. Efficient and reliable direct certification systems more accurately reflect the poverty in the school, allowing more high-poverty schools to qualify for community eligibility. Join this webinar to learn direct certification best practices and other tips for increasing your identified student percentage (ISP) throughout the school year. To register, click here.

Afterschool Meals Matter Webinar, Thursday, November 21, 1:00 PM EST
City leaders and agencies can play an important role in expanding access to afterschool meals, from operating the program to raising awareness and more! Join this 30-minute deep-dive webinar to hear how cities are leading the charge in connecting more children to afterschool suppers and snacks. To register, click here.

OCFS Regulations Resources

For OCFS resources in the new background checks, check out the links below:

- FAQs on Background Clearances;
- ICYMI: Comprehensive Background Clearance Requirements Video; SAC Regulations & Definitions; 6000 Packets; OCFS website; Letter to Families, Funders, and School Personnel; Leave a comment or question about the new regulations here.

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Network for Youth Success Events

11/13/19 - 5/7/20: CRELO Trainings, Across the Capital Region
The Network for Youth Success will be providing various Front Line and Director Trainings across the Capital Region at no cost. For more information click here.

1/14-17/2020: Health and Safety Training for Directors, Troy, NY
Directors are responsible for hiring, training, and maintaining staff who provide a healthy and safe environment for children. This course will help directors look at policies and procedures that reinforce high-quality health and safety practices. Directors will get the most out of this training if they bring a copy of the policies and procedures from their program. Registration is limited to 12, so don't wait to register! click here.

1/21/20-4/21/20: Distance Learning
The Distance Learning School-Age Care (SAC) Preparatory Course includes viewing recorded videos, reading, and preparing a portfolio and resource file. This class meets the education requirement to be a Site Director in New York State. We are now enrolling for Spring 2020.

3/6: Legislative Breakfast, Greenbush, NY
The Network plans to host its annual Legislative Breakfast on March 6, 2020, at the Greenbush YMCA. Stay tuned for more information.

Our Annual Conference will be in Troy for 2020! The conference will contain two full days of frontline and directors level trainings as well as an abundance of vendors. For more information, visit our website here. To become a vendor, click here.

8/20 & 8/24/2020: Health and Safety Training for Directors, Troy, NY
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Other Events

11/15: Become a Mentor for the Youth, Rochester, NY
The Urban League of Rochester’s Afterschool Academy is currently looking for mentors who are at least 21 years old and would love to make a difference in youth lives who are 6-8 grade students in schools in Monroe County (mostly RCSD). Staff member, Shawnitea Ragans, will be hosting a Mentor Social in order for anyone interested to attend to receive information on what it means to be a mentor and answer any questions attendees may have. Here are the dates and times for the social: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 3:30pm to 5:30pm & Saturday, November 16, 2019 11:00am to 1:00pm If you or someone you know would be interested, please RSVP to Shawnitea Ragans (sragans@ulr.org), or Detuana (Yana) Henry (dhenry@ulr.org), or just stop by one of the sessions.

11/14-15: Positive Youth Development Training, Odessa, NY
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. To register, click here.

11/15: Workshop: No Empty Seats, Binghamton, NY
Join Ronald Cope, II, from the National Center for Community Schools for a workshop that will focus on: continuous improvement, capacity building with an emphasis on human capital, data-driven attendance work, strong attendance teams, aligning the attendance work with student activities, and parent engagement. To register, click here.
This conference will take place on at the Westchester County Center. For more information or to register, click here.

11/23: Maker Faire and Student STEAM Fest, Rochester, NY
Maker Faire Rochester will be returning for our 6th annual event on November 23rd, 2019 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. Additionally there will be a Student S.T.E.A.M. Fest for the second year! What is the Student S.T.E.A.M. Fest? It’s a special sneak peek at Maker Faire Rochester held on Friday, November 22nd, from 9 AM to 2:30 PM. This day is open to school and homeschool groups for 3rd through 8th-grade students. At last year’s event, there was over 1,000 students in attendance, and for this year, they are aiming for that number to over 1,500. For more information about the Student S.T.E.A.M. Fest and for registration please visit http://www.nyscate.org/ studentsteamfest.

12/3: New York Council of Non-Profits Diversity Workshop, Binghamton, NY
Join us on Tuesday, December 3rd from 9-noon at the Tri-Cities Opera House located at 315 Clinton Street in Binghamton to learn more about how your organization can get the conversation started in integrating Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) concepts into organizational culture and cultivating a diverse and inclusive environment for all. This session will begin with providing a foundational understanding of the various components of diversity, equity and inclusion and a common comprehension of the terms used in the DEI space. The session will help you and your organization better digest the 'bridge equation' for diversity and inclusion. For more information, or to register, click here.

12/14: Middle School Girls Data Bootcamp, NY, NY
Girls+data invites middle-school girls, grades 5-9, to learn about high demand tech careers in data analytics. This three-hour hands-on STEMinar will teach participants to build, customize, and present their own data story using analytics software Looker. Swag and snacks included! For more information, click here.

3/15-18/2020: NAA National Conference,
Join over 2,000 members of our community at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center for four days of networking, learning, and inspiration. Special events, 200+ educational sessions, daily keynotes, and an interactive Learning Expo all designed to meet the needs of the developing professionals, and emerging current leaders of afterschool. Come to NAA Convention 2020, and leave saying, "I've found my people!" For more information, click here.

4/17: Decolonizing Minds: Forging a New Future Through Multicultural Education, Rochester, NY
This conference will take place in Rochester with actress and activist Ms. Abernathy, daughter of American Civil Rights Leader Ralph Abernathy. For more information or to register, click here.

4/28 - 5/1: 2020 BOOST Conference, Palm Springs, CA
The 2020 BOOST Conference will convene over 2,500 global educators April 28 - May 1 in sunny Palm Springs, CA. They are now in the Early-Bird registration phase with a rate of $465. Register your team today to celebrate the best of afterschool and expanded learning fields. Click here for more information and how to apply.

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