EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM LEADING THE WAY

We have a little-known gem among the wide variety of programs that we offer at PAL. It is our Early Childhood Education program, which serves 150 girls and boys, ages 2-5, in Brooklyn and Queens. Our research-based curriculum across six centers focuses on developmental learning and also exposes children to the culture of working within the NYPD.

Our neighboring public schools speak highly of this program. In fact, 100% of our kids graduate our program Kindergarten-ready.

Another strong component of our Early Childhood Education program is that parents who then read them to their kids to dance and music.

INTRODUCING CARLOS COCCO

Carlo Cocco is a PAL teen from the Webster Center in the Bronx. For the past 5 years he has taken advantage of PAL resources, focusing on college, attending open gym, and building relationships with police officers. He is the determined type, and through his experience at PAL, he found that it is a great way to enhance children's vocabulary and reading skills.

Thanka to the funding from New York City Administration for Children's Services and your support, we are getting New York's toddler ready to take on the rigors of full-day schooling.

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The Police Athletic League, Inc. The best friend a kid can have
As the Police Athletic League moves into its 104th year of service, providing New York City’s youth with structured programming remains a priority throughout our weekday and weekend programs. Just as we prepare to enter our Edward Byrne Center in Jamaica Queens. A commitment is non-negotiable.

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Assistant Chief Kim Royster

**Inspiration to PAL’s Youth**

The Police Athletic League’s special connection with the community has been passed down through the years. Between PAL’s youth and the NYPD, children and their communities. Those kids will then grow into adults who do the same thing, seeing people who look like me in positions of power let me know I could do it, too” she says. This is what inspired her efforts to keep children and youth engaged, supporting them on their path to graduation, and all of the Police Officers who provide their service to our communities and to PAL.

Royster began to notice that a number of Police Officers were once PAL kids. She readied, including jobs with the NYPD.

Royster understands the effect PAL has on the kids within their communities. Those kids to dance and music.

When asked for any last thoughts, Assistant Chief Royster quoted the late Congress “Before becoming a police officer, I knew the Police Athletic League was profound in my life, serving as teammates, role models, and mentors, and positive influences. These fascinating individuals come with their own unique stories, yet expose him to other things as well. Prior to attending the Police Athletic League, Carlos’ only focal point was becoming a professional basketball player. However, because of his experience with the Police Athletic League, and officers from the 46th Precinct in the Bronx, he has grown in interest in becoming a Police Officer. His experience at PAL has taught him things about specific laws and discipline they have instilled in him that he appreciates the most.

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The teenagers’ goals are a time of change for how our youth think, feel and interact with others. Bobby Ferazi, PAL’s Director of Teen Programming, understands the importance of offering our participants the chance to be more engaged in opportunities to develop the life skills they can take with them to college and adulthood.

As Director of Teen Programming, how important is PAL programming for our teenagers?

A: PAL’s sees programs are extremely important because they provide the right amount of structure and freedom to students to help them explore their own interests while they cultivate and build their critical thinking, leadership and life skills. It’s also an important time for students to begin preparing for more responsibility while declaring their individual independence.

What type of programs does PAL provide for New York City teens?

A: Developing a safe, structured and vibrant interest in PAL is absolutely critical to our youth. Our programs aim to meet the needs of the individual and engage in opportunities to develop the life skills of a student. Some of our youth can take with them to college and adulthood.

How does PAL prepare teens for college?

A: By making sure our youth have access to the college application process, we are making them aware of their opportunities. From assistance with the application process to college field trips, PAL teens leave fully prepared for their transition into adulthood.

Did you know that the interest rate – most of which is tax-free – on a Charitable Gift Annuity can be higher than that of your savings or your stock?

A: You also receive an income tax deduction of almost half of your initial gift! A Charitable Gift Annuity works to your own advantage. It makes you declare your individual independence.

If you’re interested, call the PAL Charities Annuity Office to learn more about how you might get involved in this newsletter.

For more information contact Renee Jamerson at 212-526-0000, ext. 307 or email her at rjamerson@palynyc.org.
Assistant Chief Kim Royster

Inspiration to PAL’s Youth

The Police Athletic League’s special connection with the children who are a part of our work closely with our PAL youth throughout the city, serving as teammates, role models, and facilitators. Many of these fascinating individuals come with their own experiences and stories. Assistant Chief Kim Royster is a great example of this. She is the highest-ranking African American female within the NYPD, Assistant Chief Royster helps to inspire others, especially young girls, to pursue their dreams and work towards empowering young people to be the best they can be. When asked for any last thoughts, Assistant Chief Royster says: “Having a great support system and seeing people who look like me in positions of power let me know I could do it, too.”

The PAL News

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Carlo Cocco is a PAL teen from the Webster Center in the Bronx. For the past 5 years he has taken advantage of PAL resources, focusing on college, attending sports tournaments. For the past 4 years, he has chosen to come here. PAL allows him the freedom to explore his own interest in sports, yet exposes him to other things as well. Prior to attending the Police Athletic League, Carlo had only found success in professional basketball. Because of his experience with the Police Athletic League, and officers from the 46th Precinct in the Bronx, he has grown in interest in becoming a Police Officer.

For Carlo, attending PAL has been life-changing. "PAL wasn’t an option, I’d most likely be cooking on the playground basketball if PAL wasn’t an option". PAL helped him with his college process and appreciate for the police officers he comes into contact with.

 Apart from PAL, Carlo has developed a respect and appreciation for the police officers he comes into contact with. "Police officers make us feel special and protected" he says. His experience at PAL, what helped bridge that gap. PAL Officers have assisted him with his college process and taught him things about sport and his rights. Most importantly, it is the discipline they have taught him that he appreciates the most.

Every PAL accomplishes its mission to support and inspire NYC youth in realizing their full individual potential as productive members of society and Carlo is a great example of that.

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