SAYA’s summer programming is in full swing. Youth are participating in activities such as film, environmental conservation, robotics, architecture, basketball, and dance, as well as high school and college prep. We look forward to sharing more on these happenings in our next newsletter! Below are some highlights from the spring.

**College**

**2018 College Scholarship Winners**
In May, SAYA awarded multiyear scholarships ranging between $1,000 and $5,000 a year to 17 high school seniors, who will be starting college this fall. 2018 SAYA graduates will be attending colleges such as CUNY Baruch, CUNY City College, Fordham University, George Washington University, Stony Brook University, Syracuse University, and many more.
High School

Exciting Experiences Around the City
SAYA 9th and 10th graders visited the Sean Kelly Gallery in February to view ‘Quince.’ The visit was organized with the help of art advisor Christina Shearman, and photographer Frank Thiel was on hand to talk about his work. In May, members of our Young Men’s Leadership Program took a day trip to the Long Island City Pier and Gantry State Park. Youth in our Young Women’s Leadership program continued their annual tradition of indoor rock climbing at The Cliffs in Long Island City, and spent a second day practicing archery at Gotham Archery in Brooklyn.

Planning for Life After High School
This spring SAYA youth traveled to Philadelphia to visit and tour several colleges, We thank RBC Foundation for helping support our annual college trips. In June, our carnival-themed College Fair welcomed approximately 50 high school youth and representatives from nine New York institutions to SAYA.
Youth Score Big at Robotics Competition
The SAYA Robotics team at Richmond Hill High School competed in the FIRST New York City 2018 New York City Regional, a robotics tournament, where they placed 7th out of 51 teams! The event hosted teams from the New York tri state area, Turkey, the United Kingdom, Brazil, and China.

Congratulations to All of Our Graduates!
June brought the end of another academic year. We celebrated our graduating seniors at our Elmhurst Center, and participated in the class of 2018’s graduation ceremony at Richmond Hill High School, where two members of our staff received commendations for
their work at the school. We congratulate all of our graduating youth, and wish them the best in their next steps!

Middle School

Youth Are a Hit Performing in *The Lion King*
SAYA’s program at Central Queens Academy was one of nine after school programs, chosen from 900, to participate in the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development’s DYCD on Broadway event in May. Our dedicated young actors practiced and performed two scenes from *The Lion King* at the BMCC Tribeca Performing Arts Center.
Walking for Clean Water Awareness
SAYA middle schoolers at MS 202 joined the WE Charity Walk for Water this past May. Youth researched global water scarcity-related issues and their effects on children. They then participated in a walk around their neighborhood in order to call attention to kids around the world who are forced to walk miles for clean water.

Upcoming Events

Join Us for the 2018 Gala!
Save the date for SAYA's annual gala, September 22nd at Pier Sixty, honoring Dr. Navina Najat Haidar, Curator in the Department of Islamic Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art; and Dr. Mehmood Khan, Vice Chairman and Chief Scientific Officer of PepsiCo. Please email gala@saya.org for more information.

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