With 2018 drawing to a close, we are excited to share some of this year's highlights.

From the board, staff, and youth of SAYA, we wish you a joyous holiday season and all the best for the new year ahead.

And if you're shopping online, use smile.amazon.com and choose SAYA as your charity of choice. A portion of your purchase will go to SAYA at no additional cost. Give back while spreading holiday cheer!

January

As part of our College Access programming, high school and college students visited the offices of IBM, learning about career opportunities in design and tech.
February
Youth took in a photography show on Quinceanaras by artist Frank Thiel, at a gallery in Chelsea. They had the opportunity to discuss the work with the artist and Gallery Director of Museums and Publications Jeffrey Grove.

March
Richmond Hill High School students took part in a walkout protesting gun violence, creating banners and releasing balloons to honor victims of recent mass shootings.
April
Youth at MS 172 performed an improv showcase as part of the Funny Girls program, supported by the Harnisch Foundation. Through improv, our young women gained leadership skills, teamworking abilities, and confidence.

May
Middle schoolers from Central Queens Academy performed scenes from The Lion King at the BMCC Tribeca Performing Arts Center. SAYA's program was one of nine chosen from a pool of over 900 applicants!
June
 Participants at PS 124 took part in a course on the building and design of skyscrapers, learning STEM skills and their application through creating models.

July
 Our Young Men’s Leadership Program attended the 2018 Gaming Devs of Color Expo, which highlighted and celebrated the work of developers of color.
**August**
Employees from RBC Capital Markets visited our community center to provide high school students one-on-one advisement and mentoring on financial literacy.

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**September**
One SAYA youth from MS 202 spoke at WE Day, after researching and raising awareness for water crises around the world.

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October
Our Young Women’s Leadership Program attended one of Chitra Ganesh’s recent shows, which included sculpture, videography, and drawings.

November
SAYA high school students visited and toured Adelphi University and Stony Brook University. At Stony Brook, they were given a tour of the school by a SAYA scholarship recipient.
December

Author Sheetal Sheth visited two of partner schools, PS 124 and PS 230, sharing her book ‘Always Anjali.’ She held a discussion with our youth on identity, culture, and the importance of respecting others.

South Asian Youth Action (SAYA) is a 501(c)3 youth development organization in New York City for students in elementary school through college. While South Asian-focused, SAYA is secular, inclusive and committed to connecting youth from all backgrounds to opportunities. Our mission is to foster a strong sense of belonging in youth and provide them with the tools to thrive academically, professionally, and personally. SAYA’s holistic program model consists of academic support, college preparation, leadership development, career exploration, sports activities and arts enrichment.