

## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES WHILE YOU ARE IN HIGH SCHOOL

**Whether you are struggling to make the grade or excelling.....  
check out these opportunities.**

**No matter what challenges you're facing, there  
are people and programs who are there for you.**

**Check out the following resources and see if one of them is right for you!  
It might be fun to read this with a friend; if you have questions, you can  
always call the places and get more information or talk to your counselor.**

### Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia

1518 Walnut Street, Suite 712

Philadelphia, PA 19102

Main office: Telephone: (215) 735-8818

General Inquiries: [reception@bgcphila.org](mailto:reception@bgcphila.org)

Diane Datcher Director of Education Programs: Telephone: ext. 13

<http://www.bgcphila.org/>

Twelve clubs located in many neighborhoods offering leadership development, career and **college planning**, volunteer opportunities to high school students. Free sports, fitness and arts programs as well.

### Cardinal Bevilacqua Community Center

2646 Kensington Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125; 215-426-9422

<http://www.familyservices-phl.org/cardinalenglish.html>

High school out of school time program focusing on **career/college readiness** for 9-12th graders: M-F, 3-6pm. Students completing 15 hours a month can receive a stipend. Career focused, project based. Center also offers intramural basketball league and GED prep. [Talk to Samantha Bute for high school program and Sister Karen Owens for GED and basketball programs.](#)

### Communities In Schools of Philadelphia, Inc., YouthWorks

Rodin Place, Suite 201, 2000 Hamilton Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130-3448;

267-386-4600

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## **Educational Advancement Alliance**

4601 Market St. <http://www.eaalliance.org>

Offers after school and Saturday programs that focus on academic enrichment and college preparation, including college visits.

## **Empowerment Group**

2111 North Front Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122; 215-427-9245

[http://www.empowerment-group.org/programs\\_yep.htm](http://www.empowerment-group.org/programs_yep.htm)

If your high school has signed on, The Youth Entrepreneurship Program is a hands-on program run at after-school and summer programs throughout Philadelphia. YEP instructors go on-site to programs to work with their students. These classes introduce youth to entrepreneurship and business planning by having them plan and implement their own business ideas, right there at their own after-school or summer program.

High school graduates interested in starting a small business can get support and training at this center. Service director: Marangeli Mejia-rabell.

## **Enterprise Center's YES Program**

4548 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139; 215-895-4078

<http://www.theenterprisecenter.com>

Prepares youth for success in the business world through business camps and special events that explore how to start a business and entrepreneurship; during-school and after school programs are available. Open to 10th graders only at Lambertson, West Philadelphia, Parkway Gamma and Paul Robeson high schools.

## **Fabric Workshop and Museum, High School Apprenticeship Training Program**

1315 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107; 215-568-1111

Christina Roberts, Education Director

<http://www.fabricworkshop.org/apprentice>

After school program (4-6pm) that offers high school students the opportunity to learn about design and print media and assist in all areas of the studio; the apprenticeships bring job training as well as educational experience, and students earn minimum wage for their time. Students also receive career guidance from artists and studio staff. Students must complete an application process and be accepted into the program.

## **Freedom Schools, Junior Servant Leader Project**

Sandra Hawkins Foster Director, Workforce Development

[sfoster@cisphl.org](mailto:sfoster@cisphl.org) 267.386.4635

Cheryl Blue Assistant Director, Philadelphia Freedom Schools

[cblue@cisphl.org](mailto:cblue@cisphl.org) 267.386.4636

<http://www.cisphl.org>

Offers academic training and employment with The Freedom Schools to participants in the summer; during the school year, a service component is offered.

The goal of the JSLs component of PFS is to encourage high school students to

embrace servant leadership as a force to heal and foster positive growth in the community. JSLs function as classroom assistants in both after school and summer programs. On Wednesdays during the school year and summer camp, they are instructed by Dr. Greg Carr of Howard University and Academic Advisors who are certified teachers. The JSLs are coached toward the completion of an academic portfolio and a service learning project.

### **PACTS; Franklin Institute**

If interested contact a member of the PACTS staff at **215.448.1333 or 215.448.1282.**

For 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders only.

PACTS (Partnerships for Achieving Careers in Technology and Science) is a year-round youth leadership experience, designed to involve students as an integral part of The Franklin Institute. It combines science enrichment, career development, mentoring.

Not just another after-school or weekend program, PACTS is a **youth leadership experience** designed to involve students as an integral and active part of the daily life of The Franklin Institute. Students who continue in PACTS through high school graduation have the skills and **confidence to be successful college students** and become dynamic, productive adults with engaging careers in science and beyond. . PACTS students engage in hands-on science workshops, field-based research, special field trips, college and career counseling, and much more!

The PACTS Program is a FREE program, available to Philadelphia area students. The PACTS workshops meet on Saturday mornings, twice a month during the school year at The Franklin Institute. There are no specific scholastic requirements, but students are encouraged to be strong in math and science, and have a passion for learning science! During the summer months we hold the PACTS Summer Institute. This is a 6 week long science camp, where students have the chance to intensely study various science topics while completing research projects. At the end of the summer the students present their findings to their families and staff members of The Franklin Institute.

### **Norris Square Neighborhood Project (North Philly), PRODIGIES project.**

2141 North Howard Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122; Cathryn Carkhuff, 215-634-2227

<http://www.nsnp.org>

Offers a leadership program for youth (aged 15-18); participants operate a silk-screening

Business creating their own line of clothing, with profits furnishing stipends for them and for the financing of field trips..

Their aim is to have a positive impact on their community.

## **North Light Community Center: Summer Career Exploration Program**

175 Green Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19127; 215-483-4800

<http://www.northlightcommunitycenter.org/scep.htm>

Contact person is Billy Eisenberg. Ext 107, Director of Ed & Teen Services

***In the summer***, NorthLight runs a six-week career internship program for students who have completed grades 10,11, or 12. Students work at a job related to a career interest while getting paid for 20 hrs a week. Students should apply in April. Also, during the summer: Teens for Good: Teen led urban farm located in Roxborough: 6 weeks; 20hrs a week paid.

***During school year*** the center offers, an after school teen program 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade which offers academic support, cultural activities, leadership opportunities to broaden student horizons. M-Th 4-6:30. (BABY) Possible stipends available. Also SAT prep is offered through Philly Tutors (\$280 for 8 wk course; 20 hrs) . Fee based one on one subject tutoring available.

## **Teen 4 Good**

Eleventh Street Family Health Services of Drexel University

850 N 11th St

Jamie McKnight, Director of T4G

(215) 989-3566, ext: 1108

[jamiem@federationnc.org](mailto:jamiem@federationnc.org)

<http://teens4good.orbius.com/>

Started in 2005, Teens 4 Good has helped transform many neighborhoods in the Greater Philadelphia area by providing local food that tastes better, is better for the environment, and helps to stimulate our local economy.

We also get to hang out with the Mayor, State Representatives, White House personnel, important business people and other everyday influential people. Most importantly, we are making a positive change in the world around us while taking on important and responsible roles as positive leaders and role models.

Teens 4 Good is a Federation of Neighborhood Centers program that builds long-term, working relationships with promising students attending Philadelphia's public high schools, beginning in the ninth grade. Teens 4 Good provides students, starting in ninth grade, with a year-round curriculum of character, leadership, teamwork and life skills development, one-on-one mentoring, career exploration, cultural opportunities, and hands-on entrepreneurial activities through a teen-run gardening, nutrition and health business. The mission statement created by the teens is, "To make a difference in the world by inspiring all teens to give back to their communities.

Through hands-on educational activities, youth learn practical skills about how to create, build and sustain a socially responsible business. They learn how to: 1) plant, nurture, harvest, package, and distribute vegetables, herbs and fruit; 2) sell produce and garden related products (i.e. cookbooks, calendars) to local communities, restaurants and stores; 3) design and conduct nutrition programs; 4) design marketing materials (i.e. website, newsletters, brochures); 5) manage finances; 6) communicate effectively; 7) apply character strengths to solve problems; and 8) build healthy relationships through teamwork, networking, sales presentations, and customer service.

### **Village of Arts and Humanities**

2544 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19133; 215-225-9560

<http://www.villagearts.org>

Offers after-school and summer programs in spoken word, photography, digital music, digital video, mural arts, and sculpture building; includes mentoring, tutoring and summer job opportunities.

### **White Williams Scholars**

<http://www.wwscholars.org/programs/connection.php>

College Connection is an intensive 4-year program offered to 9th grade Scholars who wish to devote more time to exploring as well as strengthening their future pursuits. The program's purpose is to engage bright, motivated students during the pivotal and transitional year of ninth grade, and to keep you on track for graduation from high school and preparation for college.

### **WorkReady**

714 Market St., Suite 304,  
Philadelphia, PA 19106 T: 267-502-3742

<http://www.workreadyphila.com/internships.html>

WorkReady internships provide Philadelphia high school students with paid workplace experiences at area businesses during the school year and six weeks during the summer. These internships give you a taste of the working world and exposure to career opportunities. Join other students and participate in Workready.

### **YMCA Achievers Program**

Columbia North YMCA  
1400 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19121 Phone: 215-235-6440

<http://www.philaymca.org/community-programs/y-achievers>

The YMCA Black Achievers program of the YMCA of the USA is an academic achievement/career development initiative purposed to help teens of color set and pursue high educational and career goals, **resulting in graduation and acceptance to an institution of higher learning.**

Programming for 9th-12th grade students takes place on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month beginning from October until June. The location is Drexel University.

## **A FEW GREAT WAYS TO DO COMMUNITY SERVICE WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL**

### **BREAKFREE Youth Design Group**

3721 Midvale Avenue, Philadelphia Teaching Sites, Philadelphia, PA  
19129;

215-219-3823

<http://www.breakfreedesigngroup.org>

<http://www.breakfreedesigngroup.org/bfdg06-contact.htm>

A small non-profit organization devoted to teaching sewing, design and youth entrepreneurship to low-income and/or at-risk teenagers in Philadelphia.

While in HS students can do service learning at their site in exchange for lessons in design and sewing.

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### **Philadelphia Cares**

100 S Broad St # 2200 Philadelphia, PA 19110-1011

(215) 564-4544

Call to see how you can volunteer.

An award winning nonprofit celebrating 12 years of service to the community, Greater Philadelphia Cares is committed to empowering individuals to act as citizens and realize their ability to contribute to the community in meaningful ways. By designing and managing a variety of flexible, tangible volunteer opportunities, Greater Philadelphia Cares is continuously enhancing citizen ability effectively to serve the community. From helping single mothers get their GED to preparing meals for people living with HIV/AIDS, Greater Philadelphia Cares is proving that volunteer action is a powerful force for creating change. Those in need, as well as those volunteering, are able to gain a sense of fulfillment and inclusion as we all work together to unite and improve our community.

Greater Philadelphia Cares, an affiliate of Hands On Network, is based on a model of service that is successful in 44 other cities in the US, UK, China, and the Philippines. Collectively, we continuously strive to lead volunteers to greater civic participation and increased involvement in our community, government, and world.

## **Student Conservation Corps**

<http://www.thesca.org/taxonomy/term/205/all>

Contact: Corrin Omowunmi, 215-756-2279, [comowunmi@thesca.org](mailto:comowunmi@thesca.org)

Looking for a chance to explore the outdoors where you live, make new friends, give back to your community?

Need 100 + Community Service Hours? Want to work outside, learn about the environment and meet other people?

### **2011 SCA Philadelphia Conservation Leadership Corps For High School Students Ages 15-18**

January to May 2011

You can volunteer 1 weekend a month and some weekdays (TBA) after school to receive 100+ Community Service Hours and work with other students from Philadelphia.

- \* Expense-paid travel during the summer to a National Park anywhere from Alaska to Maine and work with other students from across the country.

- \* Receive job-readiness training, learn new skills, and help your community by improving local parks.

- \* Receive job-readiness training

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