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After School Matters Program Providers Newsletter | June 2016



Dear Program Provider,

Welcome to the After School Matters Program Providers Newsletter! This monthly newsletter will help to share updates, resources and instructional strategies, as well as celebrate the successes of our teens and build community among our program providers. Enjoy!

Program Updates

Teen Interview Outcomes

An interview outcome (Recommend Enroll, Do Not Enroll, Not Interviewed, Recommend Audit) must be entered by **Friday, July 22** for all teens who are not on the waitlist for a program (teens whose names appear in black on the interview tab), unless a waitlisted teen was interviewed. Click [here](#) for a step-by-step guide.

Teen Artwork Final Product Policy

We're proud of the high quality work produced by teens in After School Matters programs, which is why we're thrilled to display and sell teen-produced pieces in the After School Matters Gift Shop at 66 E. Randolph St. As a reminder, a selection of items will be based upon the available market for the product. If the product is sold, the teens will be

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Program Dates

Summer 2016

**Monday, June 27 --
Saturday, August 13**
*Advanced
Apprenticeships*

**Tuesday, July 5 --
Saturday, August 13**
*Apprenticeships
and Internships*

Non-Program Day:
Monday, July 4, 2016

Click [here](#) to see the
FY17 Program Calendar!

Important Deadlines

Summer 2016

Tuesday, May 31
CBO Spring 2016
Expense Reports,

notified. If their item doesn't sell within two program sessions, it may be returned to them. If teens would like to purchase their work, they must complete the Teen Artwork Purchasing form, which is available in the document section of Cityspan.

Summer 2016 CTA/Ventra Guidelines

Teens who receive reduced student transit fare during the school year, and who are not yet graduated, are eligible to receive the same reduced fare during the summer program session, provided their CPS ID# is accurate in Cityspan by the first week of programs.

Teens who do not already receive reduced student transit fare will need to contact their high schools about purchasing a student fare card as soon as possible.

Read more about reduced student fares [here](#).

Teens Without A Permanent Address

Our Finance and Programs Departments will work with Liaisons to ensure that teens who do not have a permanent address receive their stipend checks in a secure and timely manner. **To ensure these checks will not be mailed, please contact your Program Specialist if a teen tells you they have no permanent address.**

After School Matters Branches

After School Matters is organized into three **branches**: North/Northwest Branch, South/Southwest Branch and Downtown Branch!

If you have any questions about the new program support structure, please contact your Program Specialist.

Opportunities & Resources for Teens

Please see below for great teen opportunities.

Discover Swarthmore

Discover Swarthmore affords students the opportunity to visit one of the best liberal arts colleges in the country, all expenses paid (including flight/ground transportation, lodging, meals). The program will provide participants with a taste of the college experience.

Discover Swarthmore is open to all rising high school seniors. Nominations for this opportunity are due by **Thursday, June 30, 2016**. Nominations can be submitted [here](#).

Raise.me

Raise.me is a social enterprise focused on expanding access to higher education, especially among low income and first generation students. Rather than waiting until the end of high school to earn scholarships, Raise.me enables students to earn scholarships throughout high school, starting as early as 9th grade.

Learn more about raise.me [here](#).

For additional opportunities and resources for teens, please visit the teen resources section of [our website](#).

Certification Letter, and Teen Documents due (*February-start programs*)

Monday, June 6

Instructor Program Reports due in Cityspan

Monday, June 13

CBO Spring 2016 Expense Reports, Certification Letter, and Teen Documents due (*March-start programs*)

Monday, June 13

Teen and Instructor Spring surveys close

Friday, July 22

Summer 2016 Teen Interview Outcomes due

Action Required

Teen Intern PACR Forms

Beginning this summer, teens in After School Matters Internship programs or acting as an Intern in any program are required to sign a Program Acknowledgement, Consent, and Release (PACR) Form **specifically for Teen Interns**.

ALL INTERNS

(continuing and new) will need to sign and submit the attached form regardless of having a signed PACR on file.

Click [here](#) to access the new PACR form for Interns.

Instructional Strategy of the Month

Ruth Sutton's Feedback with Purpose: Self or Peer Feedback*

Peer and self-feedback provide a starting point for conversations that help teens find proof of

Program Provider Highlight: Susana Banelos

Aztec Dance Chicago



Susana Banelos is the instructor for Aztec Dance Chicago. She has been an After School Matters instructor for more than eight years. In Aztec Dance Chicago, teens learn about pre-Hispanic and contemporary Aztec-Nahua culture, and perform dances, musical rhythms, and songs. Every cycle, Susana works hard to offer her teens field trips to help develop transferable professional skills. This Spring, her teens had the opportunity to participate in workshops including Mock Interviews/Resume Writing with the Latino Association Business Students (LABS) at UIC and Personal Branding with the Hispanic Alliance Career Enhancement (HACE) at the Rafael Cintron-Ortiz Latino Cultural Center. Additionally, this Spring, Aztec Dance Chicago participated in Speak Life: The Mama Brenda Arts & Poetry Set where they performed a ritual commemorating Mama Brenda, and After School Matters instructor who passed away unexpectedly in 2011.

Thank you, Susana, for all you do for After School Matters and our teens!

If you would like to submit a highlight to this newsletter, [click here](#).

Thanks to each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to teens!

Sincerely,

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their learning and take responsibility for it. When teens are actively involved in the learning process, and identify what they know and don't know, they are able to review and spend more time on areas of need.

Click [here](#) to learn more about self and peer feedback strategies that can be used in your program!

Program Provider Opportunities

CryptoClub Summer Leader Training Workshops

Cryptography, the science of secret messages, is an intriguing STEM topic and an important application of mathematics.

The CryptoClub Project at UIC is offering Summer Leader Training Workshops for after school educators to learn to engage students in learning cryptography.

To learn more about this opportunity, click [here](#) or visit the CryptoClub Project [website](#).

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Thank you for telling teens they matter.