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# 2025-2026 Year in Review

## Investing in Students' Potential, Transforming Their Futures

**Comprehensive Youth Development partners with NYC public high schools to prepare young adults, ages 14-24, to secure a successful future for themselves and their families. Through this partnership, our students develop the capability to graduate from high school and make informed decisions on higher education and careers.**

For more than 30 years, Comprehensive Youth Development has helped New York City public high school students build pathways to successful futures. During the 2025-2026 school year, CYD served 2,500 young people across three partner high schools and the CYD Career Academy, connecting students with individualized guidance, workforce preparation, and essential support services.

From launching new pathways into healthcare careers to strengthening connections with our growing community of supporters, this year reflected CYD's continued commitment to helping young people explore opportunities, overcome barriers, and take meaningful steps toward their goals.

**Here's a look at some of the programs, people, and milestones that shaped our year.**

## High School Healthcare Bridge

CYD launched the High School Healthcare Bridge, serving 71 students in its first year with career learning, hands-on skills training, mentorship, and advising on postsecondary pathways into healthcare. Modeled on the CYD Career Academy's Bridge, the program was developed in partnership with the High School for Health Professions and Human Services and implemented in collaboration with NYU Langone Orthopedic Hospital and NYU Grossman School of Medicine.



## Building Digital Skills for the Future

CYD expanded digital literacy programming to bring technology education to all four of our sites. High school and postsecondary students learned career-contextualized skills, using computers to conduct job searches and create application materials and professional profiles. CYD's digital literacy programming has helped students prepare for employment and increase their tech proficiency and confidence.

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## CYD Career Academy

The CYD Career Academy served 100 high school graduates in partnership with the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development and CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College.

Students completed Bridge training in customer service, digital literacy, financial literacy, and an introduction to healthcare before moving into occupational training for certification as Central Sterile Processing Technicians or Billing & Coding Specialists.



**"I'm going to use this as a stepping stone to get into a hospital and further my education. I just want to keep elevating and growing."**
**— Amy, CYD Career Academy student**

## NextGen Leaders

CYD's NextGen Leaders is a dynamic group of 11 early- and mid-career professionals who are expanding our network of advocates and volunteers. In its inaugural year, members volunteered at CYD high school events including College and Career Fairs, College Decision Day celebrations, and college essay review sessions. NextGen Leaders hosted a spring event introducing new audiences to CYD and a fall Field Day fundraiser for student college visits. Their energy and involvement are helping CYD build lasting connections with the next generation of supporters.





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## Impact by the Numbers

**2,500**
Students served across our four program sites

**90%**
Graduating students with an actionable postsecondary plan

**2,086**
Students received college counseling

**776**
Students received support services including referrals to food, housing, and healthcare

**234**
Students received tutoring

**195**
Students served by the Legal Information Clinic

## Who We Serve

**83%**
Students eligible for free and reduced lunch

**58%**
Speak a language other than English at home

**5**
NYC boroughs represented




## Student Spotlight: Johnny



Johnny, a senior at Manhattan Comprehensive Night & Day High School, is finding his path with support from several CYD programs. Tutoring has strengthened his English language skills, while a paid Learning to Work internship at Afrikana's food pantry gave him both practical workplace experience and the inspiration to continue serving his community.

Johnny's CYD college advisor is helping him explore options that match his interests.

**"Math is my favorite subject in school. I hope to one day become a math teacher so I can show others it can be fun."**

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# Celebrating 30 Years of Opportunity and Impact

On October 29, 2025, over 150 guests gathered to celebrate CYD's three decades of helping New York City students achieve their educational and career goals. The evening honored longtime supporters Goldman Sachs Gives and Robert V. Delaney Sr. and Family with CYD's Beacon of Opportunity Award, recognizing their enduring commitment to expanding opportunities for young people.

Two alumni shared moving reflections on the lasting impact of CYD's support. Ammar, who fled Yemen as a teenager and became the first in his family to graduate from high school and college, described CYD as "the bridge between where I was and who I am becoming." Omari recalled how a CYD-sponsored visit to Goldman Sachs years earlier expanded his sense of possibility: "A seed was planted that day."

Their stories captured the spirit of the celebration—and the lasting impact of investing in young people.



Ammar with members of the Delaney family, including Board of Advisors member Pamela Craig, fourth from right.




Board of Directors members Dean Backer, left, and Ramey Watkins, third from left, from Goldman Sachs; Executive Director Michael Roberts, second from left; and Omari, right.

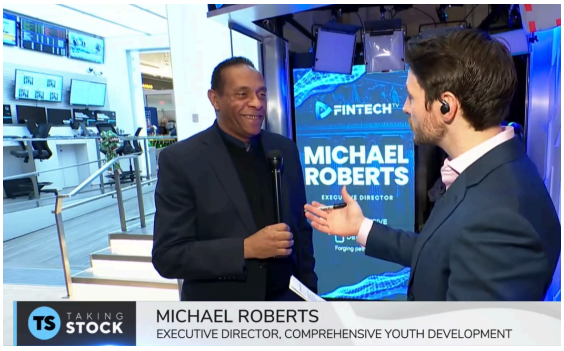


Omari (center) at CYD's 2015 Youth Perspectives event at Goldman Sachs—a reminder that a single opportunity can help shape a young person's future.

# Looking Ahead

As CYD enters its fourth decade, we are strengthening postsecondary advising on college and expanded options, including certification training, apprenticeships, and civil and military service, that provide pathways into a broad range of career fields.

We will be developing new opportunities for career skill-building at the high school level; technology training; and early credentialing that will help young people navigate opportunities with confidence.




**Thank you for being part of the CYD community and making these opportunities possible.**