



## Young Involved Philadelphia

### March Newsletter

#### PUBLIC SERVICE ACADEMY EVENT

*We love public service and parties*

Next Wednesday we're hosting an event for Chris Myers Asch, the Co-Founder of the U.S. Public Service Academy Initiative. The host committee for this party is a terrific group of young Philadelphians, many YIP members, who are committed to strengthening public service in our country. Join us for light appetizers, drink specials, and a chance to learn about this exciting new initiative.

U.S. Public Service Academy is a national initiative to build a civilian counterpart to the military service academies. The proposed Academy will offer four years of tuition-free education in exchange for five years of non-profit or civilian government service following graduation. For more on the Academy and its founders visit: [www.uspublicserviceacademy.org](http://www.uspublicserviceacademy.org).

WHEN: Wednesday, March 26th, 5:30-7:00PM

WHERE: Tavern 17, 220 S. 17th Street

TICKETS: Suggested contribution \$25, [RSVP here](#)

#### CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*Next Forum*

The next Civic Education Forum will be on urban design in Philadelphia. If you'd like to help plan this forum, contact [YIPCivicEd@gmail.com](mailto:YIPCivicEd@gmail.com) or attend tonight's Civic Education Committee meeting at T-Bar: 6:30PM at the corner of 12th and Sansom Streets.

*Nutter's Priorities and You*

Mayor Nutter recently announced his top priorities for Philadelphia in his Five-Year Plan (listed below). This spring, YIP will host a series of forums on Nutter's priorities, but we want members to decide which of his priorities we should learn more about. Tell us your top three issues by completing this [one-question survey](#).

- Public Safety
- Education
- Jobs and Economic Development
- Healthy and Sustainable Communities

- Ethics
- Customer Service and a High-Performing Government

To read the Mayor's FY09 Budget Address and Five-Year Plan, visit [www.phila.gov](http://www.phila.gov).

## **ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

### *Philly's Image*

Which is more frustrating? Outsiders who don't know how great Philadelphia is or *Philadelphians* who don't know how great Philadelphia is? YIP Advocacy is working with a mayoral transition committee to explore and improve our city's image of itself. By surveying different industries and communities about the pros and cons of life here we are building a framework for the group's work in the coming year. YIP's survey is focused on college graduates between the ages of 20 and 35. If you fit this criteria and would like to participate in this 6-question survey (approximately 30 minutes), please contact [YIPAdvocacy@gmail.com](mailto:YIPAdvocacy@gmail.com).

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

### *Plan Spring Social Events*

Join YIP's Social Committee and help plan fun, smart social events for young Philadelphians. Want to take a group on a tour of Passyunk Avenue's best eateries or build a team to learn about urban greening and plant trees in your neighborhood? YIP's Social Committee is meeting next week to plan a series of great outdoor events.

WHEN: Monday, March 31st, 6:30PM

WHERE: Black Sheep, 2nd Floor, 247 S. 17th Street (between Locust & Spruce)

RSVP: E-mail [YIPSocial@gmail.com](mailto:YIPSocial@gmail.com)

## **WELCOME TO THE BOARD**

*We are very pleased to announce our talented new board member, Claire Robertson-Kraft, and new intern, Ashley Cash. They've only been on-board a month and they've already make an incredible impact on our group.*

Claire isn't new to YIP: she was our workhorse intern four years ago and we're thrilled to have her back. Claire is a native Texan but a Philadelphian at heart. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 2004 with a double major in urban studies and philosophy. After graduation, Claire worked with Teach for America in Houston for three years, first as a third grade teacher and then as a supervisor for corps members teaching in elementary and special education placements. Currently, she is working as the Associate Director of the Center for Greater Philadelphia on Operation Public Education, a comprehensive approach to national school reform, and pursuing her masters in education policy at Penn.

Ashley is a junior at Penn majoring in Urban Studies and minoring in Sociology and Urban

Education. Though from north Jersey, she has developed a special place for Philadelphia, most specifically through her work with young students in West Philly. She serves as Recruitment Coordinator for Community School Student Partnerships, spending a few afternoons a week with K through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders from Hamilton and Bryant Elementary Schools. She is also interning with Claire on Operation Public Education. After Penn, she hopes to join Teach for America and stay in Philadelphia.

### **FIVE DAYS LEFT TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY**

*Pennsylvania: The Keystone State*

Visit [www.seventy.org](http://www.seventy.org) -a nonpartisan nonprofit- to learn why Pennsylvania will be so important to the presidential race and who else is running in your area on April 22nd. Seventy is also seeking volunteers for election day; please contact [YIPAdvocacy@gmail.com](mailto:YIPAdvocacy@gmail.com) for more information.

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