

Season of Turning Tassels: Our Future Leaders



SYF Friends and Partners,

Please join me in congratulating Simon Youth Foundation's (SYF) 1,800 graduates of 2024, with our final Simon Youth Academy at Baldwin High School in Baldwin, New York turning their tassels on June 24th! Our newest SYF alumni will join 28,000 graduates representing 32 academies across 12 states, with Indiana being the home of 11 of them.

At SYF, graduation day is not just a ceremony; it is a significant milestone not only for the students but their families and the communities where they live, it signifies the beginning of a brighter future. Witnessing these remarkable young people receive their diplomas and SYF awarding 172 scholarships to this class with an investment of over \$700k in post-secondary education, I am reminded and humbled by the powerful change your partnership and contributions continue to make through our mission.

Partnerships change lives and SYF continues to grow and develop those across our footprint to ensure that we continue to meet students, teachers, and families where they are while creating a pathway for continued success by removing barriers. SYF continues to welcome new partners such as Citizens Energy Group, The Mind Trust, Ice Miller LLP, Nations Roof, and Hiron, to name a few.

Thank you for being an integral part of this transformative journey. Together, we are shaping the next generation of leaders, dreamers, and achievers.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea Neely".

Andrea Neely, President and CEO, Simon Youth Foundation

SYF Welcomes New Team Members!



Judi Taylor, pictured at left, has joined SYF as the new Vice President of Advancement. She is responsible for the strategic growth of a development program including corporate support, foundation giving, annual giving, major gifts, and special events.

The SYF board extends a warm welcome to new committee members. This includes, from left to right, Susan Brock Williams and Matt Impink, who will serve on the Program Services Committee, and Megan Blaising, who will join the Advancement Committee.



Welcome SYF's Newest Partners!



Expanding Our Family: SYF Welcomes New Academies



SYF is excited to announce that starting the 2024-2025 academic year, SYF will expand its reach with a new partnership and a merger. SYF welcomes the Metropolitan School District (MSD) Washington Township as our 26th school district partner. True North Academy at North Central High School will now be known as Simon Youth True North Academy, continuing to offer a flexible, blended learning model for students. Additionally, we're merging the Simon Youth Academy at Circle Centre Mall with the IPS Graduation Academy to create the Simon Youth Graduation Academy at Arsenal Tech High School. This new academy will combine the best features of both programs to serve over 200 students with a cutting-edge blended learning approach. Read more about these exciting developments [here!](#)

JCPenney Sparkles Up Prom Night for Students



The JCPenney at The Florida Mall in Orlando rolled out the red carpet for students from two local academies, creating an unforgettable prom-themed shopping event. Students from the Simon Youth Academy at Orlando Outlet Marketplace and the Simon Youth Academy at BETA were treated like royalty as they explored the latest prom collections and received expert styling tips. You can read more about this unique experience [here](#).

Scholarship Program Highlights

In the 2023-2024 academic year, SYF awarded 172 new scholarships worth a total value of \$733,250 to students with academic promise, proven civic engagement, and demonstrated financial need. SYF has awarded approximately \$21.8 million in scholarships to 6,427 students since the scholarship program began. Read the compelling story of Reagan Roberts, a recent scholarship recipient, in our 2024 Impact Report located [here](#).



2024

Annual Impact Report

 SYF Simon Youth Foundation

Are you interested in learning about how SYF impacts students, families and communities, through its academies and scholarship programs? Check out SYF's 2024 Impact Report [here](#).

SYF and Partners are Changing Lives!



Citizens Energy Group's Community Spotlight: SYF



Discover the impact that SYF and community partners have on student lives through the story of a recent graduate, Terrell Boyd. Created in partnership with Citizens Energy Group, this powerful [video](#) follows Terrell's journey, highlighting the significant role educators, a supportive learning environment, and his family played in shaping his experience. Upon graduation, Terrell was offered an internship at OneAmerica, a SYF partner. At the end of his internship, Terrell accepted a part-time position at OneAmerica showcasing the positive impact of support and mentorship in his life.

Experiential Learning - Close Up



One of the opportunities the Simon Youth Academies offer is experiential learning through the Close Up program. Close Up transforms Washington D.C. into a dynamic, living classroom, aiming to inform, inspire, and empower young people to actively engage in their democratic rights and responsibilities. In 2024, SYF was able to send 11 Academy teams, comprised of 4 students and an educator, on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Read about the recent Close Up trip [here](#).

Partners Provide Access to Exclusive Sporting Events



SYF's partnership with OneAmerica, the Indiana Pacers and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway has opened doors to exciting sporting events for academy educators, students, their families, and staff this quarter. For many students, these events marked memorable first-time experiences that broadened their horizons and exposed them to new opportunities. By providing access to diverse environments and unique opportunities, SYF remains committed to investing in students' growth and development. Read more about where SYF has been this quarter. Click [here](#)!

Annual Regional Events Raise Funds for SYF's Mission



Simon Property Group's regional events are in full swing and run from May to November. From the exciting Top Golf events in Philadelphia and Atlanta to the thrilling Home Run for Education event in Miami, each experience is filled with fun and purpose. SYF's CEO, Andrea Neely, even threw out the first pitch during the Miami Marlins game! These regional events have exceeded their projected goals, and with more events to come, anticipate raising over \$1 million for SYF!

Simon Youth Foundation 2024 Summer Events



For the second year in a row
Tees for Education and Founders Day @
Indianapolis Motor Speedway are



SYF is excited to welcome over 400 guests
in support of our mission.

*Thank
you!*

2024 SPG REGIONAL EVENTS

as of July 3, 2024

Location	Event Type	Date
Del Mar	Thoroughbred Racetrack	Sept 5
New York	Baseball Game	Sept 16
Orlando	Bowling	Sept 19
Washington, D.C.	Baseball Game	Sept 24
Austin	Circuit of the Americas	Sept 26
Boston	Bowling	Oct 1

Simon Youth Foundation (SYF), a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit headquartered in Indianapolis, is committed to helping students graduate. SYF believes that all youth, no matter their personal circumstances, should have the opportunity to pursue their dreams through education.

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