

A community in action



LEAD students unload turkeys during Community Service Day with the South Ward Children's Alliance.

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LEAD partnered with the South Ward Children's Alliance for a day of giving back

400

Thanksgiving meals packed for families in need

65

awards presented to outstanding LEAD students

LEAD AT A GLANCE

- Congratulations to Naysha Powell, the first LEAD graduate and member of YouthBuild Newark to receive the 2019 Helene D. Stoneman and Civic Leadership scholarship!
- NOYN participated in Giving Tuesday on December 3. **Click the link and continue that giving spirit.**
- NOYN is answering the #CloseTheGap challenge, and pledging to register 250 unregistered voters in Newark. Follow us online to get involved.





STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: LEAD SENIOR EMBRACES SUPPORT THE SECOND TIME AROUND

Miesha Fulton starts every morning with a simple goal. “I’m going to get all my work done today. I’m not talking today. I’m just going to go to school and do this today,” she said. Each day, as she ticks through her mental To-Do list, she ends the day feeling accomplished. And as a 21-year-old, Miesha said she doesn’t have time to waste. After spending years searching for her purpose, she’s found it at LEAD and she’s not letting it go. “This right here is my last stop. I’m not giving this up. My seat ain’t gone be taken by nobody else. That’s my seat,” she said.

Divine Intervention

A chance encounter led Miesha to LEAD about two years ago. She was 19-years-old and expecting a baby girl. Feeling smothered, tired and overwhelmed in her overcrowded school community, she dropped out when she was one year away from graduation. [Read the full story here.](#)



LEAD GIVES BACK WITH SWCA

During Thanksgiving, about 100 LEAD students volunteered with the South Ward Children's Alliance to pack Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. Together, our community prepared 400 meals for families in need. Thanks again, South Ward Children's Alliance for the opportunity to give back and serve our community. [See photos from the day here.](#)



OYN UNLOCKS EXCELLENCE

OYN was in Washington D.C. as part of a collaborative presentation at the Post-Secondary Success Convening. In partnership with Essex County College and national thought leaders, Newark OYN discussed the varying challenges and obstacles young men of color face in post-secondary education. We're excited to continue working on solutions to these problems.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

Young Men's Empowerment Conference

Dec. 14

SIGMA Community Enrichment Initiative and the Essex County School of Technology is hosting a conference for young men from across the city.

Holiday Brunch

Dec. 20



Annual LEAD Toy Drive

Dec. 23

LEAD students are collecting toy donations, in partnership with Circle of Friends, to give to young people in need.

Holiday Break

Dec. 24-31

There will be no class instruction during the break, but Advocate Counselors will be available for any students in need. Visit newark-oyrn.org/holiday-meals for more information.

Christmas Day

Dec. 25

Enjoy the day!

Check out the full OYN Events Calendar at newark-oyrn.org.

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