



ASAS New York

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Celebrating Growth and Impact

AFTER-SCHOOL ALL-STARS NEW YORK YEAR IN REVIEW

Greetings,

I am thrilled to share some exciting news that has unfolded thanks to your steadfast support and shared commitment to empowering our youth. After-School All-Stars New York has expanded our footprint over the past year, growing from six sites to an incredible twelve, including an expansion into the borough of Queens. With this expansion, we have the honor of serving 2,375 youth and their families across our chapter, creating a more profound impact than ever before. It's a testament to the collective belief in the transformative power of after-school programs, and your support has been the driving force behind this journey of growth.

In today's landscape, the need for extended learning opportunities is becoming increasingly evident. Therefore, it is imperative for us to create environments that empower and uplift our students. The statistics provided below underscore the diversity that our community encompasses:

- **Economically Disadvantaged (87%):** The majority of our students come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, facing financial barriers that can impact their access to educational resources. Our programs aim to bridge this gap, providing a supportive space for academic and personal growth.
- **English Language Learners (21%):** Recognizing the linguistic diversity within our community, we embrace and celebrate the unique cultural perspectives of English Language Learners. Our programs offer targeted language support and culturally responsive activities to enhance language proficiency.
- **Students in Temporary Housing (22%):** For the 22% of our students experiencing temporary housing situations, we provide a stable and nurturing after-school environment. We understand the importance of consistency in their education and strive to create a sense of belonging and security.
- **Chronically Absent Students (25%):** Addressing the challenge of chronic absenteeism, we work diligently to create engaging and meaningful learning experiences that encourage regular attendance. Our goal is to instill a love for learning that transcends any obstacles students may face.

Our recent accomplishments extend beyond numbers. Through flourishing partnerships with our dedicated board, foundations, and external collaborators, we've been able to increase fundraising efforts, setting the stage for our second annual Spring Fling 2024 fundraiser. This momentum is crucial as we strive to sustain and enhance the invaluable after-school programs that serve as beacons of guidance for the youth we are privileged to serve.

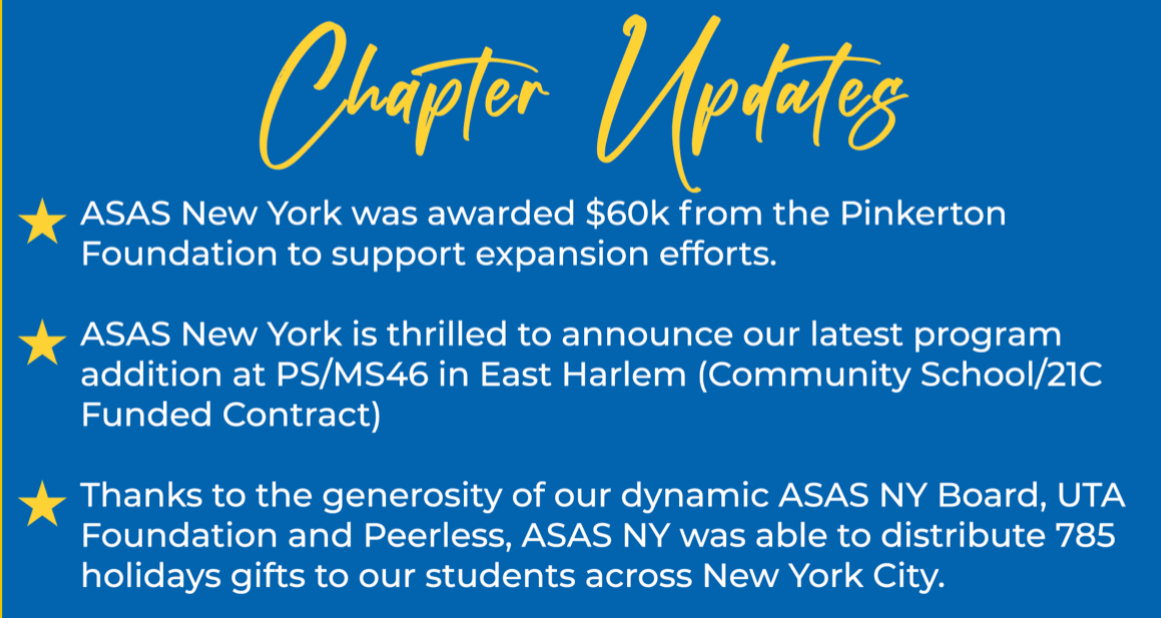
In the spirit of growth and opportunity, our students are being exposed to life-changing experiences such as horseback riding, classical ballet dance residencies, field trips to local colleges, hands-on STEM learning, and more. These opportunities not only broaden their horizons but also reinforce the belief that, with your continued support, we can provide even more avenues for exploration and discovery. This letter serves as a heartfelt call to action, inviting you to join us in ensuring that every child we serve has access to these life-enriching programs. Together, we can continue to be the guiding light that leads our youth toward a brighter and more promising future.

With gratitude and hope,

Taryn Davis

Executive Director

After-School All-Stars New York



This December, After-School All-Stars New York struck gold with an extraordinary opportunity that left our All-Star students beaming with joy! The magic unfolded as they attended an exclusive private screening of the film *Wonka* hosted and sponsored by Warner Brothers.

The day was nothing short of magical as each student strolled down the red carpet in Hudson Yards relishing the VIP treatment with pizza, popcorn, and all the classic movie snacks.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this once-in-a-lifetime experience possible for our community this holiday season. This exclusive day exemplifies the unique opportunities we strive to provide for our All-Star students, ensuring they not only learn and grow but also create cherished moments that will stay with them forever.

Cheers to the magic of the season and the enchanting experiences that enrich the lives of our incredible students!



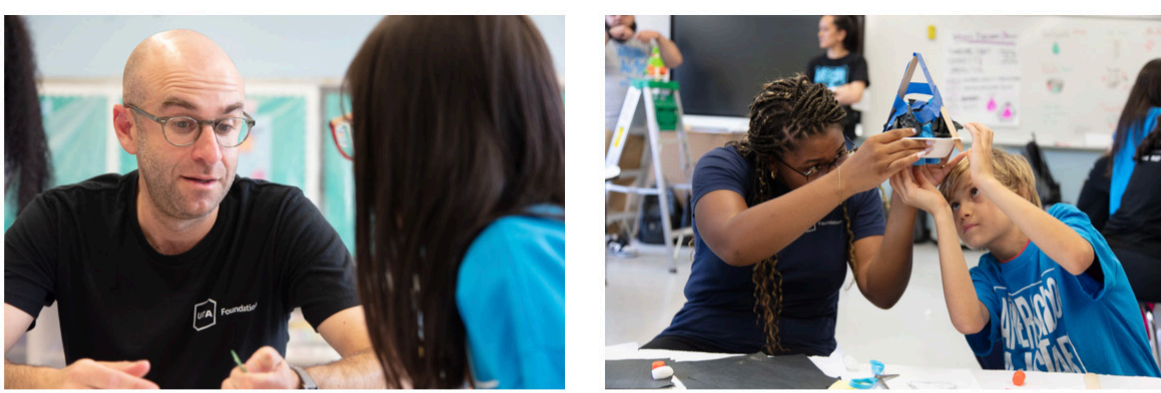
OF IMPACTFUL PARTNERSHIP WITH UTA FOUNDATION

After-School All-Stars New York is deeply thankful for our impactful partnership with the UTA Foundation, whose unwavering commitment to our mission has brought forth numerous enriching experiences for our students, leaving an indelible mark on their lives.

UTA Foundation volunteers have joined us at multiple sites across our chapter, creating moments of joy and learning. Over Spring Break, they engaged with students at our three DYCD-funded middle school sites, fostering a love for sports through skills, drills, and friendly scrimmages. The exploration continued during an afternoon of STEM activities, including a fascinating session on dissecting squids with our 3rd-5th graders. Summer brought an immersive camp experience filled with hands-on STEM and art activities, capped off with an ice cream truck celebration that delighted all.

In a heartwarming gesture, UTA Foundation most recently brought holiday cheer to 140 elementary students at our site in Washington Heights (WHEELS) by purchasing, wrapping, and personally distributing holiday gifts. We are immensely grateful for the tireless support of our board member, Byrd Levell (Co-Head of Publishing at United Talent Agency), whose dedication made this partnership possible.

As we continue to prioritize career exploration within our chapter, we extend an open invitation to individuals and companies interested in partnering for upcoming volunteer experiences. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of our students and empower them to reach for the stars.



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