

Here is the latest news from YTP! I

In this newsletter you will hear an update from the YTP Program Manager, get introduced to two new YTP Center Supervisors, and see upcoming YTP events.

Fall Update from the Program Manager

Dear Friends and Supporters,

There's a lot to celebrate this fall at YTP! The YTP team is pleased to be joined by two new Center Supervisors, Kidst Tasisa at NewHolly and Terrin Day at Yesler Terrace. To learn more about our new team members see their short bios below.

Fall tutoring began on September 18th, with 322 students enrolled, which is 48 more than were enrolled in September of last year! YTP was pleased to receive additional financial support this fall from Seattle Housing Authority to target increasing services and reducing waitlists at NewHolly and High Point. Funds are being used for tutor recruitment, center assistants, and teen interns at these two centers. YTP is also grateful to have recently received a grant from Real Networks, with those funds to be spent on tutor recruitment.

I am always inspired by the hard work and dedication of our volunteer tutors. One highlight from this summer was Laura Nelson, a volunteer for YTP at Lake Washington Apartments, who organized her co-workers at Pacific Project Management to donate over 180 books and games to YTP tutoring centers, with a specific focus on books that reflect the cultures of YTP youth. The new books have created quite a buzz at the tutoring centers this fall.

It takes many different kinds of contributions to provide YTP students with the support and opportunities they need for academic success. These contributions include books, school supplies, and financial support as well as consistent and enthusiastic tutoring. Thank you all for what you do.

Sincerely,
Heidi Neff, YTP Program Manager



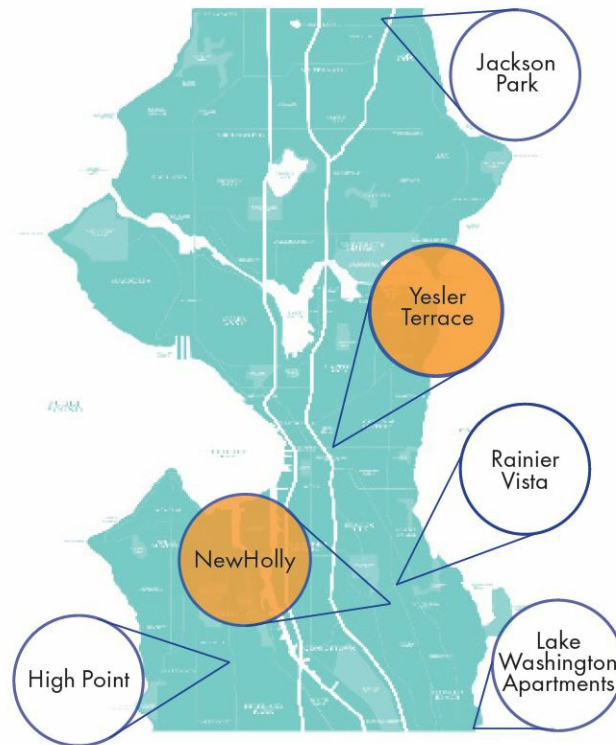
Introducing Kidst and Terrin

Kidst Tasisa (left) is the new Center Supervisor at NewHolly. *"I am looking forward to meeting and working with you. A little background about myself is that I graduated from Washington State University (WSU) GO COUGARS! I graduated with a major in Psychology and minor in Human Development. I have worked at Tyee High School as an AmeriCorps Student Success Coach and as a Registrar. I am very excited to be here and am looking forward to working with you all. I am really passionate when it comes to working with students and their academic growth. Thus, I am glad we are all here to be a part of that and more. In advance thank you for all you do and will do."*

Terrin Day (right) is the new Center Supervisor at Yesler Terrace. *"I am originally from Washington state and I love it here. After graduating from University of Washington (UW), I taught ESL (English*



as a Second Language) for several years. I have also worked in several youth programs around King County. As a former tutor, I am excited to be working with both students and tutors at YTP. I am passionate about equitable education and empowering young people. I also love traveling, coffee, and hiking."



[For a more detailed map of YTP's six tutoring centers click here.](#)



Volunteer Corner

Did you know?

That there are over 250 students on waitlists to get into tutoring? You can help by encouraging your family, friends, neighbors and colleagues to volunteer an hour each week. The centers that have the longest waitlists are High Point (West Seattle) and NewHolly (South Seattle). They each have more than 70 students wanting to get help from YTP volunteers. You can forward them the [link](#) to the YTP volunteer application.



Thank you

YTP currently has an operating budget of \$900,000 and your donations of supplies, community support and grants make all of this work possible. We thank you!

School Supply and Book Drive

Thank you very much UW Catholic Newman Center, Lake City Western Vigilante Sidekicks, Association for Catholic Childhood, Pacific Project Management and all our other supporters who donated to help YTP students start off the school year with the academic supplies they needed.

[To see more pictures, visit our Facebook page.](#)



Invest in Student Success

Thank you amazing YTP supporters who donated \$15,600 towards YTP's fall fundraiser Invest in Student Success! Our goal was to raise \$14,500 towards providing tutoring services for the 2017-2018 school year.



RealNetworks Foundation Grant

Over the past seven years, the RealNetworks Foundation has made grants to more than 180 community-based organizations serving the greater Puget Sound Region and focusing on people who face systemic barriers to success. RealNetworks has been a long time funder for the Youth Tutoring Program and we were awarded a \$10,000 grant.



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Upcoming Events at YTP

- **Nov. 10th** - Veteran's Day (No School or Tutoring)
- **Nov. 20th – 22nd** - Regular Tutoring Canceled (Drop-In Tutoring)
- **Nov. 23rd – 24th** - Thanksgiving Holiday (No School or Tutoring)
- **Dec. 12th** - Last day of regular tutoring for 2017
- **Dec. 13th – 14th** - Center Winter Parties/Drop-in tutoring by appointment
- **Dec. 18th – 29th** - Winter Break (No School)
- **Jan 2nd** - Tutoring Resumes

[Link to 2017-2018 tutoring calendar](#)



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