



We have lots of great Y Associate Shout Outs once again. There are so many great things happening at the Y, and so many great people doing those great things. Thanks for all of the great individual and team Shout Outs and to all of our great Y associates!

Ashley Antonsen (Community School Director, Y School Partnerships at Walter P. Carter Middle/Elementary School)

Ashley is a fantastic leader! She goes up and beyond for Y associates, the students, and families at Walter P. Carter. I am grateful to work with someone who has so much passion for her job. Keep up the amazing work, Ashley! Thank you for everything you do!

(Submitted by Ashley Johnson)

Lenny Cheatham (Administrative Coordinator, Y Distribution Center)

My team was in need of time-sensitive materials delivered to all of our centers. Lenny offered his help before I even knew I needed it! Thank you for helping to deliver those four packages with what I'm sure was a smile on your face. I appreciate you!! (Submitted by Shannon Kowal)

Lisa Cheeseboro (Interim Associate Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters at the Y)

Lisa has made a smooth transition into her position as Interim AED. She is more confident in the position as she manages the mentoring team. Lisa is willing to jump in and assist her team at any time. We like that she is open to listening when there is a concern. (Submitted by Sharyl Smith)

Annette Coleman (Director, Y Head Start Operations)

In preparing for our MSDE CACFP Review, Annette worked with me side by side, putting in extra time to ensure our documentation was accurate and well organized. Her 'eagle eye,' passion for Head Start, and strong work ethic is a real asset to our team. I can't thank her enough for assisting me through this process. (Submitted by Becky Angell)

Janet Klenkel (Senior Director of Education, Y Head Start at Annapolis Gardens)

Janet is a super woman and has superpowers! When I grow up, I want to be like her! She is always willing to help in any capacity that it is needed. She serves with all her heart and strength - and you can see it, because everything that she touches shines. Her love and charisma attract all my students in such a way that she makes me jealous. Thank you so much Janet for teaching me to be a better teacher and to have fun at my job. (Submitted by Yrama Kingsley)

Brandon Maraj (Membership Associate, Y Swim Center in Randallstown)

We could not have had our AEA Workshop this past weekend if it wasn't for Brandon! He was so helpful in getting everything set up, opening the center early, welcoming participants, and so much more. I can't thank him enough for jumping in to help!
(Submitted by Heidi Walter)

Rob Gray, Danny Defebo and the Y Property Management Team

The Y's property management team has gone above and beyond when it comes to supporting the opening of the Sherman Early Learning Center at the Weinberg Y. The day of the big move, they arrived ready to do anything needed. They brought positive energy and good vibes while we worked to unload an entire trailer in the rain! They were the first to arrive and the last to leave, and available any time we give them a call! Thanks so much!
(Submitted by Ameka Smith)

Dawn Edwards-Smith (Senior Manager, Learning Development & Systems) and Ashley Clemper (Training Manager)

Thank you Dawn for sharing your love of training with me. You are indeed an expert in creating engaging courses, and while we went with a simple approach for our Facebook Onboarding Training, I know that had time allowed, you would have made it SO much more fun! Thank you Ashley for your speedy responses and for helping so many of our associates get the information they need to succeed in their work! (Submitted by Lindsay Crone)

Dominique Youngblood (School Partnerships), Shannon Martin (Membership Director, The Y in Arnold), Rose Burgamy (Group Exercise), and Rebecca Hennick (Swim Director, Dancel Y in Ellicott City) (i.e. The Y's new TikTok Coordinators)

Thank you to our new TikTok team for sharing their Y experience on TikTok and raising awareness of all the Y has to offer! This group of creative and motivated individuals is bringing the FUN by not only creating TikToks but by including their colleagues (and participants) in their creations. I appreciate their energy and commitment to helping build community through technology. Keep up the great work! (Submitted by Lindsay Crone)

If you have a colleague you'd like to "Shout Out," just fill out the nomination form linked here: [Y Associate Shout Out Nomination](#)

Thanks!

All the best,
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