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Hi Everyone,

I need to make you aware that Justin Hunt concluded his time at the Y last week. We wish him the best in his future endeavors. Donald Eaddy, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships & Civic Engagement, has graciously agreed to step in as the interim Executive Director of the Druid Hill Y.

The Executive Director roles of the Druid Hill and Ward Ys are posted. We are reviewing applicants on a rolling basis and look to fill both opportunities immediately. This announcement is being shared with Y Family Center leaders and the Senior Leadership Team. Please share with your teams as appropriate.

Thanks,

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Dear Colleagues,

It is with a mixture of pride and sadness that I announce the departure of **Heather Naviasky**, our Senior Executive Director of Youth Development. Heather has accepted the role of Chief Operating Officer at Baltimore's Promise, an organization dedicated to improving outcomes for Baltimore City's youth. This new opportunity is a testament to Heather's exceptional leadership and passion, as she was the primary architect of our teen engagement strategy and led the codification of multiple programmatic touch points into the Y teen experience.

Under Heather's leadership, we successfully implemented Y-USA's Character Development Institute and committed to the national Boys and Young Men of Color initiative; evolved the New Horizons II program into a year-round initiative and expanded into new regions; and significantly scaled our community schools work. Heather's contributions have left an indelible mark on our organization, and we wish her all the best in her new role. Her last official day with us will be June 5th, but we look forward to seeing her around from time to time.

In light of Heather's departure, I am pleased to announce two promotions:

- **Derrek Cole** has been promoted to Senior Executive Director, Teen Experience. In his new role, Derrek will lead the strategy and execution of our teen engagement across Y Family Centers, schools, and communities. His responsibilities will include Youth and Government, Leaders Club, Y Achievers, high school Community Schools, and our college and career initiatives including New Horizons II, Next Generation Scholars, and our high school workforce development programs funded by the Department of Labor. Derrek will now report to Charmayne Turner.
- **Paige Coressel** has been promoted to Executive Director, Community Schools. Paige will lead our rapidly growing community school initiatives including technical assistance consulting to school districts and other Ys. Paige will also steer the implementation of the community schools strategy in schools where we serve as the lead agency. Paige will also report to Charmayne Turner.

Additionally, I want to inform you that **Amy Gantz-Cheatham**, Executive Director of the Ward Y in Abingdon, departed our team this week. We thank Amy for her leadership and dedicated service and wish her all the best in her future endeavors. During this transition period, **Eugene Lloyd**, our Executive Director of Fitness, will step in as the interim Executive Director of the Ward Y. Eugene, who previously served as the fitness director and operations director at the Ward Y, is well-suited to lead during this time of transition.

Please join me in congratulating our colleagues on their new roles!

Best,
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