

Concentrations Newsletter

Spring 2025



Summer Opportunity: Arts and Activism Photography Summer Workshop

This August, find your creative voice for change at Westchester Youth Alliance's TWO-WEEK **photography workshop** inspired by the legendary civil rights photographer Gordon Parks! Join us as we explore how photography can amplify voices, challenge perspectives, and transform communities—no experience needed, just passion!

What you'll get: Hands-on photography skills from day one; A safe space to explore social issues that matter to YOU; Friends from all backgrounds united by creativity; Your very own photo essay showcase

Limited spots available, apply now by [clicking here!](#)



NYS Governor's Youth Council

The Westchester County Youth Bureau is seeking a **dedicated youth leader** 13-21 years old to participate in the prestigious **New York State Governor's Youth Council**: a forum for advocacy that facilitates an ongoing dialogue with policy-makers to better address issues and concerns faced by youth in their communities. Members of the Governor's Youth Council will meet virtually with their Regional Peers and Regional Representative bi-monthly as well as participate with state-wide peers at youth-led events. This exciting opportunity is available to only one qualifying candidate from each of the 62 counties in New York State. Members of the Youth Council will provide recommendations to the Governor and other policymakers on a wide variety of issues.

2025-2026 Topics of Focus Include:

Youth Mental Health; Social Media Impact on Youth; Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; Youth Voice and Engagement; Environmental Impacts in Our Communities

Interested youth looking to proactively impact issues in their communities should review the guidelines and [submit an application by June 4, 2025](#) through the [NYS Governor's Youth Council online portal](#).



In the Community

Through his involvement in the STEM Concentration, **Zeki Eren** learned about the **Tri-State Engineering Expo** held at White Plains High School. Zeki attended the weekend event with his family and reported back: "I enjoyed it very much, and I learned a lot of useful information about the field of engineering, especially civil engineering, and took home many brochures. As a STEM student, this was very helpful for me." We love to see our students pursuing their passions!

