David Tarleton Named Director of Education for PYC Arts & Technology High School
By Janet Zahn, Communications Manager

David Tarleton was recently named Director of Education for PYC Arts & Technology High School after serving as Interim Director for a short time.

Tarleton’s professional life is strongly rooted in PCYC. For more than 20 years, he’s been a key, consistent contributor to this agency’s growth and success through his work as a teacher, administrator and technology specialist.

“We’ve come a long way,” Tarleton says. “The level of education and student expectations is way up. But the mission has not changed, and I’ve always believed in it."

Tarleton has three main goals for the next year. “One, to continue the transition to a project-based learning environment.” In this model, teachers and staff guide students along individual learning pathways, help them make authentic connections to their community and ensure that they meet the educational standards of the state.

His second goal is to take Spark Wednesdays to the next level. Students will be given more responsibility for building this program that’s designed to spark their interests and help them earn credits in new ways.

Third, “As always, I want to make sure that the needs of our teachers and staff are met so they’re able to do their job at the highest level.”

Congratulations and best wishes, David!
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PYC Arts & Technology High School Graduating Class of 2019
Top row: Jacques Lloyd, Johnson Vue, De’Shuann Whitfield, Christopher Jefferson, Charley Lewis, Mehari Heard, Aaliyah Evans, Kahin Kadye, Arriana Williams-Lynch

Middle Row: Daniel Carey, Boun Mee Her, Jaime Rodriguez, Ivy Davis, Demariea Guffle-Jones, Sabrina Gagnon, La’Troya Ruford, Darshaun Barron, Anthony Hollmon

Bottom Row: Kamesha Gibson, Olivia DeLaRosa, Jataejah Hubbard, Eddie Freeman III, Sha’Kirra Dansby, Mikaela Terry, Aubrey Williams

Not pictured: Seth Aden, Misael Dos Santos, Maurio Edwards II, Darryl Tiggs
Eight Thoughtful Pieces of Advice for Graduates – and Everyone
by Keegan Xaví

Teaching artist Keegan Xaví presented the commencement address to PYC’s 2019 graduates. This is an excerpt from the conclusion of her speech. The full text of this excerpt is available and well worth reading at pcyc-mpls.org.

From Ms. Keegan: “I thought about the advice that’s been most important in my life and came up with these eight things.

1. Be true to yourself. Trust your gut and your intuition.
2. Life comes at you fast and winners know how to adapt. Learn to be flexible about life. Things don’t always go the way you think and sometimes you may have to alter your game plans.
3. Learn and truly know yourself! Get to know yourself emotionally, physically, mentally, spiritually, and remember that you are also always evolving.
4. Never be afraid of hard work. I’m talking about bringing your best self to any task set at hand.
5. Always have a side hustle that you can carry with you in your hands… like fixing cars, minor household repair, braiding hair, babysitting, making art, etc.
6. Honesty. Being known as an honest person is one of the best reputations to have.
7. Conflict can be resolved with kindness. And in the times we find ourselves anxious, angry, worried, confused, etc. we must remember to never become what we hate.
8. Cultivate your community. We were not born to be in this world alone. We need to live in and honor all of our different communities. Stay connected to and learn from our elders. Be a role model for the younger ones looking up to you. Ask for help when you need it! This is what community is here for.”

Helpful Summer Resources

Mental Health
• Hennepin County Adolescent Crisis: 612-348-2233
• Hennepin County Adult Crisis (COPE): 612-596-1223

Food Shelves
• NorthPoint Health and Wellness: 1315 Penn Ave. N., 612-767-9175
  Mon-Tues-Thurs: 9-3pm; Wed: 11am-6pm
• Minnesota Food Helpline: 1-888-711-1151

Free Summer Meal Options
• Mobile APP: Summer Eats Minnesota. Download the free app via the App Store on your smart phone. Text “Summer Meals” to 97779 or text “Food” to 877877.

Health
• NorthPoint Health and Wellness: 612-543-2500
• NorthPoint Teen Clinic at PYC, 2210 Oliver Ave. N., 612-643-2001
  Mon-Thurs: 3-6pm

Suicide Hotline
• 800-273-8255

Shelter
• Minnesota Day One Crises Hotline: 1-866-223-1111
• Metro Homeless Shelter Hotline: 1-888-234-1329

General Information: Food, Shelter, Agencies, More
• United Way: Cell phone: 651-291-0211; Landline: 211

Senior Day Outing
by Crystal Ruiz

Sky carting, air hockey, virtual reality games and plenty of food described this year’s graduating senior event at SMAASH within the Mall of America. A group of 20 students celebrated the accomplishments and successes of their high school journey. Congratulations to the PYC class of 2019!

Be Ready to Shift
by Janet Zahn, Communications Manager

The Capri Theater is now closed for renovation and expansion, but Capri programming will continue at nearby Northside locations until the new Capri opens in 2020. Please join us!

• Capri After School Theater, Capri Glee and Camp Capri will be held at PCYC.
• First Thursday Films moves to North Community High School, 1500 James Avenue North.
• SPCO’s Chamber Music Series, Xplorchestra and Start the Music programs will be held at Sanctuary Covenant Church, 710 West Broadway.
• Legends will pop up at locations to be announced.