

Bronx BP Ruben Diaz launches Youth Corps service program

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Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., in conjunction with lead coordinating partner DreamYard and community partners WHEDCo, M.S.390, DreamYard Prep and The Mission Continues, kicked-off the first Bronx Youth Corps Day of Service with student volunteers from Bronx schools.

During the event, Bronx Youth Corps participants officially unveiled a new mural at Railroad Park in Melrose and will work to clean up the park.

“You are never too young to contribute to your neighborhood and to your community,” said Diaz.

“We need more young people like the Bronx Youth Corps student volunteers, students who want to be engaged in the world around them and who want to make a difference in the lives of others. I

commend these students for creating such a program. They say that you lead by example, and these wonderful students are setting a great example for their peers to become more active within their community.”

The Bronx Youth Corps is a newly launched program that integrates community service with classroom instruction and reflection to enhance student learning. Through the Bronx Youth Corps, the students will learn to work as a group, learn about the importance of responsibility for the community and gain the skills to make positive changes in the Bronx and become future leaders.

Students from two Bronx schools, DreamYard Prep and M.S. 390, have already been admitted for the fall semester, which Diaz first announced in his “State of the Borough” address in February.

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