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### **Youth and Education Committee 5/24/21**

Present: Janine Thomas, Michelle Sajous, Robert Bieder

Guests: Dr. Lynne Holden, Sgt. John Sourhada, Officer Ramirez

Dr. Holden, Montefiore Hospital, presented on her program "Mentoring In Medicine"

This program works with students from middle school to medical school introducing young people to careers in medicine. To date they have gotten over 350 students into over 35 medical schools across the country. These were students who were frequently told they could never achieve this.

Mentoring in medicine also has summer programs and has been doing remote learning since 2004.

Dr. Holden also mentioned a healthy walking program which we will refer to our health committee.

More information can be obtained at <https://medicalmentor.org> and Dr. Holden can be reached at [Holden@medicalMentor.org](mailto:Holden@medicalMentor.org).

Our second speakers spoke about the NYPD program "Blue Chips".

NYPD started a citywide program to reach out to youth. This program will begin with a basketball league for ages 13-16 and will have a co-ed mentoring program that will be open to kids 12-17. This will be an ongoing program with plans to incorporate many other activities.

NYPD has a one page overview of the program which I have attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Bieder, Chair





# Patrol Services Bureau Blue Chips



## Overview

- The Patrol Services Bureau recognizes the importance of youth engagement and its impact on public safety. Through mentorship, personal enrichment and sports, we can bridge the gap between the police and youth. Blue Chips provides the opportunity to impact the lives of thousands of youth across the city. Blue Chips will work in collaboration with Student Sponsor Partners (SSP), Saturday Night Lights and Activating Spaces to facilitate further youth development.

## Synopsis

- Blue Chips is a coed program open to kids 12-17, Ages 13-16 may play in the Basketball League
- Teams, citywide will consist of 12 players with two MOS Coaches
- Each team will play six regular season games; the top team from each patrol borough will move on to the playoffs
- Blue Chips will promote locations designated by Saturday Night Lights and Activating Spaces to provide additional engagement opportunities
- Precinct Youth Coordination Officers (YCOs) will assist MOS Coaches in recruiting youth for the program

## Timeline

- 5/1/21-5/24/21: Planning / Logistics Phase where we identify Practice and Game Facilities, Coaches and Youth Participants
- 6/21/21-6/25/21: Orientation with MOS Coaches and Youth
- 6/28/21-8/6/21: Commencement of Regular Season
- 8/9-8/20: Playoffs
- Week of 8/23: Awards Dinner

## Schedule

### Tuesdays

- Mentoring Sessions  
Participants will identify a local community issue & develop problem-solving strategies (ex: park clean – up, graffiti removal)
- Basketball Practice

### Thursdays

- Youth Development
  - Guest Speakers
  - Topics may include career development, substance abuse, financial literacy, cyberbullying and health and wellness.
- Game Day (Each team will compete against other teams within their respective borough)

## What's Next?

- Plans to incorporate year-round mentoring and non-sporting activities in an effort to engage a broader range of youth i.e. Video Game Tournament, Dance, Chess, and Book Club
- Additional mentoring opportunities involving career development components to include but not limited to, college fairs and Test Prep/Tutoring