

# 2018 Program Participants

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**Adam Osman-Krinsky**  
**District 7, Council Member Levine**

Adam is a sophomore at the Bronx High School of Science. He is interested in issues of affordable housing and homelessness in New York City, and hopes to strengthen his communication and group work skills through PBYF. Adam is involved in his school's Speech and Debate team and the Young People's Chorus of New York City. During his free time, he enjoys singing, dancing, playing sports, and watching foreign films. Post graduation, he hopes to study Latin American Studies and Film.



**Alexei Orlov**  
**District 49, Council Member Rose**

Alexei is a sophomore at New Explorations in Science, Technology and Math High School in Staten Island. He is interested in transportation issues and expanding youth recreational facilities, and hopes to gain a better understanding of the city's budgeting system to better serve his community. At school, he participates in badminton, judo, and peer leadership. During his free time, he enjoys skateboarding, cooking, and listening to music. Alexei hopes to study Business or Law after high school.



**Amiya Miller**  
**District 34, Council Member Reynoso**

Amiya is a sophomore at The Young Women's Leadership School of Brooklyn. She is interested in ensuring children's safety in neighborhood parks, and hopes to learn different ways that she can impact her community as a young person. She is involved in Student Government and L.O.V.E. (Latinas On the Verge of Excellence), and enjoys dancing in her free time. Amiya hopes to study Journalism in the future.

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**Anthony Reyes**  
**District 27, Council Member Miller**

Anthony is a senior at York Early College Academy in Queens. He hopes to strengthen his public speaking and leadership skills through PBYF, and is interested in improving children's enrichment programs and activities in his community. At school, he is involved in various study groups and plays basketball. During his free time, Anthony enjoys creative projects and listening to music. Post graduation, he hopes to study Engineering or Medicine.



**Courtney Aubain**  
**District 15, Council Member Torres**

Courtney is a Junior at Pelham Lab High School. She is interested in ecosystem preservation, homelessness, and equal education opportunities. Courtney is involved in her school's debate team, National Honor Society, Student Government, Peer Mediation, and is a youth leader at her church. During her free time, she enjoys photography, writing, playing sports, and listening to *Dear Evan Hansen*. Post graduation, she hopes to major in Osteopathy and later move on to medical school to become an Anesthesiologist.



**Dionysios Chatzitasi**  
**District 22, Council Member Constantinides**

Dionysios is a senior at St. Demetrios Greek American High School in Queens. Concerned with social justice issues like xenophobia and sexism, he hopes that the PBYF will help him gain an understanding of budgeting and political processes, and meaningful peer relationships. He participates in the school's documentary and drama clubs, and enjoys basketball, reading, meditation, and calligraphy. Driven by environmental issues such as global warming, Dionysios hopes to study sustainable engineering in the future.

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**Femi Arlueba**  
**District 15, Council Member Torres**

Femi is a sophomore at Frederick Douglass Academy in the Bronx. He is interested in housing and public safety issues within his community, and hopes that the PBYF will help him gain the knowledge, skills, and awareness to bring a youth perspective to addressing these issues. Femi is involved in various school clubs and organizations, including the Young Achievers, and enjoys photo and video editing during his free time. After high school, he hopes to study Film or Information Technology.



**Hugo Law-Gisiko**  
**District 3, Council Speaker Johnson**

Hugo is a junior at Avenues: The World School in Manhattan. He is interested in NYC's transportation system, climate change, and education, hopes that PBYF will help him gain leadership skills, political experience, and new networking possibilities. He is a member of the Economics Club, Student Law Review, and the Math Club. Post graduation, Hugo hopes to study economics or aerospace. In his free time, he enjoys playing tennis and the violin, learning astronomy, and studying macroeconomics.



**Jaden Lyons**  
**District 39, Council Member Lander**

Jaden is a sophomore at Midwood High School in Brooklyn. During his time in PBYF, he hopes to better understand how to engage youth in the PB process as a way to inspire new opportunities and prevent them from following the wrong path. He is involved in various clubs and organizations, such as CAMBA. Jaden is an aspiring entrepreneur and enjoys photography and music production in his free time. He hopes to study Medicine after graduation.

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**Jakeline Hernandez**  
**District 38, Council Member Menchaca**

Jakeline is a senior at Telecommunications Arts and Technology High School in Brooklyn. She is interested in support services for low income families and improving public libraries in her community. Through PBYF, she hopes to build her communication skills to more effectively collaborate with others. She is involved in softball and tutoring at school, and enjoys spending time with her family. Jakeline hopes to study Forensic Psychology after graduation.



**Jaylex Calderon**  
**District 16, Council Member Gibson**

Jaylex is a sophomore at The Young Women's Leadership School of the Bronx. She is most interested in finding ways to address crime, domestic violence, drug use, and poverty within her community, and hopes that the PBYF can help build her communication and public speaking skills so that she can become a strong advocate. Jaylex plays volleyball and softball at school, and enjoys singing, playing sports, and writing in her spare time. She hopes to study psychology after graduation.



**Jodie Zheng**  
**District 38, Council Member Menchaca**

Jodie is a sophomore at Brooklyn Technical High School. She is interested in environmental issues, including the conservation of natural surroundings and keeping parks and public facilities clean. During her time in PBYF, Jodie hopes to improve her leadership skills and better understand how the city operates. She is involved in the Key Club and Big Sib program, and enjoys reading and surfing the internet. After graduation, Jodie hopes to pursue an Education degree and become a teacher.

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**Laura Rendon Albarracin**  
**District 22, Council Member Constantinides**

Laura is a junior at Monsignor McClancy Memorial High School in East Elmhurst, Queens. She is interested in equity issues and improving educational opportunities in her neighborhood. Laura is involved in various school activities, such as the Art Club, and enjoys cooking, dancing, creating art, going to museums, and traveling during her spare time. Post graduation, Laura hopes to study International Relations.



**Leo Lin**  
**District 7, Council Member Levine**

Leo is a junior at NYC Lab School in Manhattan. Interested in increasing healthy food options and other resources in low-income neighborhoods, he hopes to learn effective ways to champion youth voice for the betterment of the community. Leo is involved in the Model UN and after graduation, hopes to study Information Technology and Computer Science, with a focus on coding. During his free time, he enjoys graphic design, writing poetry, and meeting new people.



**Marina Fanous**  
**District 49, Council Member Rose**

Marina is a junior at Susan E. Wagner High School in Staten Island. Interested in working to challenge racism, sexism and school-based injustices, Marina hopes to gain new knowledge about NYC's budgeting process and opportunities for the city's youth to create meaningful change. She is actively involved in her school's West Indian club and Step Team, and aims to pursue post-secondary studies in law, politics or cosmetology. During her free time, Marina enjoys painting, drawing, volunteering and shopping.

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**Sabrina Katz**

**District 3, Council Speaker Johnson**

Sabrina is a senior at NYC Lab School in Manhattan. Passionate about fighting school segregation and advocating for environmental change, she is currently creating a civil rights club at her school. Through PBYF, Sabrina hopes to improve her public speaking skills and help other youth make a real impact in their communities. Sabrina plays varsity soccer, enjoys travelling with her family, and capturing different cultures through photography. After graduation, she hopes to study Political Science and eventually attend law school.



**Seth Alexander Jochum-Fuchs**

**District 39, Council Member Lander**

Sabrina is a senior at LaGuardia High School in Manhattan. With an interest in amplifying LGBTQ youth leadership and helping parents of LGBTQ youth become stronger allies, he hopes to gain skills to elevate his community and empower other youth. Seth is involved in the Youth Pride Chorus and LGBT History Club, and teaches climbing at a local gym. After graduation, Seth hopes to study Art and Language, and pursue a teaching degree. During his free time, he enjoys painting, singing, and writing.



**Tati Cisse**

**District 10, Council Member Rodriguez**

Tati is a sophomore at The Young Women's Leadership School of the Bronx. Concerned about violent crimes and inequities in her community, Tati joined PBYF to learn more about the PB voting process so she can inspire other youth to be more civically engaged. Tati is involved in various school sports, such as softball and basketball. After graduation, she hopes to study medicine to fulfill her long-term goal of becoming a pediatrician. During her free time, Tati enjoys sports and dancing.

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**Yasmine Sore**  
**District 16, Council Member Gibson**

Yasmine is a sophomore at The Young Women's Leadership School of the Bronx. With an interest in amplifying youth voices in her community, she hopes that the PBYF will help her learn effective strategies for helping others. Yasmine is involved in various school activities, such as volleyball and softball. Yasmine enjoys playing volleyball in her spare time and hopes to study at Manhattanville College.



**Anton Van Schaik**  
**Senior Youth Fellow**

Anton is a senior at Ethical Culture Fieldston School in the Bronx. A PBYF graduate from District 7 and current PBYF Intern, he is dedicated to increasing youth voice and engagement in the PB process. With a passion for politics and social justice, Anton has volunteered at his City Council Member's office since he was fourteen. At school, he participates in student government, Model UN and QSA clubs, and varsity track. Anton enjoys photography and exploring New York City in his free time.



**Mia Hamid**  
**Senior Youth Fellow**

Mia is a junior at Kingsborough Early College Secondary School in Brooklyn. A PBYF graduate from District 49, Mia currently serves as PBYF Intern and is committed to amplifying the voices of those who have been excluded from decision-making. She is working to help this year's cohort engage more youth in PB, and to elevate youth voice in the City's decision-making processes. During her spare time, Mia enjoys traveling the world.