

## WIE Wednesday - 06/02/2017

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guards a gate of change  
that can only be unlocked  
from the inside.”

— MARYLYN FERGUSON

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## WIE & THE CHAMPIONS SUPPORT THE YMCA'S SUMMER OF OPPORTUNITY

The Y will need 20 volunteers a night at each location. If you are interested in volunteering, [CLICK HERE TO Volunteer](#)



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# A SUMMER OF OPPORTUNITY

## VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

At the Y, we believe that lasting personal and social change happens when we all work together. When you volunteer through the Y, you take an active role in changing and strengthening our community.

### Program Overview

Summer of Opportunity is a seven-week summer program that offers youth ages 13 – 18 free access to three neighborhood Ys on Friday and Saturday from 8:00 PM – 11:00 PM. These Y branches are located in areas where children and youth fall most deeply into Charlotte-Mecklenburg's opportunity gap:

- McCrorey Family YMCA (Northwest Corridor)
- Stratford Richardson YMCA (West Corridor)
- Simmons YMCA (East Corridor)

### Impact

In partnership with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, our goals are to give youth positive outlets for their time and energy, build trust between teens and CMPD, prevent crime, promote health and reduce academic summer regression.

### Volunteer Support

Trained staff and volunteers (21+ years) will create an engaging environment that has structure, but allows teens to socialize with friends in activities like basketball, swimming, fitness, character development workshops and art.

Volunteer groups are asked to commit to a full weekend, Friday and Saturday. The program runs June 23 – August 5.



To volunteer, contact: [karen.gipson@ymcacharlotte.org](mailto:karen.gipson@ymcacharlotte.org) | 704 716 6365

## WIE 2017 Mentoring Across Difference Program Kicked Off

**Women's Inter-Cultural Exchange's (WIE)** has kicked off its 2017-18 **Mentoring Across Difference Program**. We have over 15 young women in the program from Johnson C. Smith University, Queens University of Charlotte, UNC-Charlotte, Johnson & Wales and Cabarrus College that we will feature in the coming weeks. Two of these women are below.

To support this program, click on the **DONATE** button above or **BECOME A MEMBER** of WIE.



**Shakoya Brown**

A member of the class of 2020 at Johnson C. Smith University, Shakoya is majoring in Communication Arts and Political Science.

When asked why a mentor would be valuable to her, she said, "As a first-year college student, I believe that having a mentor will help me stay on track while being away from home at college. Having someone who can help me continue my journey to success by assisting with my transition, making sure that I am on my A-game, and being someone I can look to for advice is something that I know is very important. Furthermore, having a great mentor will help me develop my skills as a mentee and make me prepared to be great mentor myself."

**Shakoya is being mentored by Trimeasha Lanier of Bank of America.**



**Stephanie Lewis**

A member of the class of 2018 at Queens University of Charlotte, Stephanie is majoring in Sports Management.

"As a student-athlete who is extremely involved on campus, I still lack a comfortable outlet to talk to about concerns I have. To have a mentor would be great because I see the powerful impact it has on students who have a lot on their plate. While I help out my younger friends by giving them guidance and encouragement, I see the positive attitudes they have when tackling their challenges. I believe if I had a mentor of my own I could be able to receive some encouragement to overcome my challenges as well", she replied when asked why she wanted a mentor.

**Her mentor is Brenda Richardson of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.**

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