

BIGS & LITTLES NYC MENTORING Summer Highlights

As a busy summer at Bigs & Littles NYC Mentoring comes to an end, we wanted to share some special highlights.

We are thrilled to report that all fourteen 12th grade Bigs & Littles NYC Mentoring youth successfully graduated high school and are now enrolled at: **Bronx Community College (2 Littles), The City College of New York, Mercy College, Kingsborough College (2 Littles), Brandeis University, LaGuardia Community College, Manhattanville College, Hunter College, Monroe**



College and the College of Staten Island! One of our littles has decided to take a year off from school to work at an animal clinic and aims to enroll in college in Fall 2019, while another is enrolled in a specialized job training program for adults with disabilities. Thanks to all of your support, Bigs & Littles NYC Mentoring staff continue to provide customized guidance to our littles and families navigating the complex and competitive NYC high school and college admissions processes. **Congratulations to our class of 2018!**

Camila and her alumni Little Melody, recently shared a milestone with us on Instagram on her



Little's 30th birthday – what an amazing testament to the long lasting bonds that Bigs & Littles NYC Mentoring creates. Camila and Melody were formally matched with a Social Worker for one year, which set them up with a strong foundation to help carry their relationship for many years beyond. Thank you Camila for finding ways to remain connected to Melody after all these years – you truly are a role model.

Our partnership with The Interfaith Center of NY has been growing, and in July our **World of Work** Big Sister Ramya Naik wrote an article for their Interfaith Matters Blog (which has a reach of up to 14K readers). Ramya wrote about the importance of mentoring and her experience in an Interfaith Match with her Little Luz, please click here: <http://interfaithcenter.org/making-a-difference-by-sharing-lives/> to view the full article.



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Making a Difference by Sharing Lives: The "Partnership" and Mutual Growth of Interfaith Mentoring

July 9th, 2018 ICNY Interfaith Matters Blogs



Our Big Sister Stephanie Blanchard whose volunteer work with Bigs & Littles NYC Mentoring was profiled in her company newsletter – thanks to Judy for seeing it and passing it on! Please see excerpt below:

July 2018



News & Updates From Rogosin

Congratulations Stephanie Blanchard!



Stephanie with Fatoumata

We enjoy hearing stories about members of the Rogosin community giving back. Stephanie Blanchard, who works as a laboratory technologist at Rogosin's Immunogenetics and Transplantation (IGT) lab, is active with Catholic Big Sisters and Big Brothers (CBSBB) and was recently awarded their Volunteer Appreciation Award for her wonderful work with her "Little Sister" Fatoumata, a 7th grader. As part of their mentoring program, CBSBB matches mentors and mentees of all faiths - Stephanie is a Christian and Fatoumata is a Muslim - to encourage tolerance, understanding, and meaningful relationships. Stephanie and Fatoumata spend time together on fun and educational outings in the city, working on homework and studying, and going out to eat (their favorite).

Stephanie, who has worked with Rogosin for three years, learned about CBSBB through a former coworker. Shortly after joining, she was asked to serve on the Mentoring Advisory Council, where she liaises with other mentors and participates in workshops. In addition to her important work with the Rogosin IGT lab, she impacts lives in her spare time too! We are proud to claim Stephanie as a member of the Rogosin team!

Interested in learning more about Rogosin? We want to hear from you!
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On July 14th, Bigs & Littles NYC Mentoring hosted a **Basketball Match Game** which doubled as a recruitment effort to reach more male volunteers. Our goal is to reduce the waiting period for boys on our waitlist. This event was open to all male matches, male littles waiting to be matched and men 21+ who were interested in becoming a mentor. We were able to recruit 7 prospective male volunteers. Out of the 7 2 have already been accepted into our Mentoring Program! We are looking forward to another basketball recruitment event to be held in September.

Top 4 Ways To Change A Child's Life

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Lastly, we are incredibly grateful for our partners at Catholic Charities for their ongoing assistance in spreading the word about our mission. We invite you to check out the Bigs & Littles NYC Mentoring profile in their blog this week: <https://catholiccharitiesny.org/blog/top-4-ways-change-child's-life>.