



QUEST ALL STARS!

This section serves to highlight volunteers that have exhibited dedication, commitment and passion for the next generation.



Quest Kids: Joycelyn Francis

Both Campuses – Elementary Head Teacher



Joycelyn serves our elementary students in a fun and engaging way; always willing to encourage children and our team in pursuing God.

Quest Teens: Dan Klinger

West Campus – Small Group Leader



Dan ministers to middle school boys by sharing his heart, giving guidance and always interceding in prayer for them.

Quest College: Joy Roach

Both Campuses – Core Team Member



Joy has been essential to the work of ministry happening in Quest College. She has faithfully shared her gifts as an innovator.

Quest Young Adults: Laura Yumang

Both Campuses – Team Member



Laura's creativity, exuberance, insight, humility and spiritual authority have been critical to our success in developing innovative ways to reach young adults.



SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

KIDS | CLASSROOM LEADER

Lead and engage children

KIDS | SERVICE COORDINATOR

Assist Quest Kids Check-in and families

TEENS | TEENS LEADER

Lead small-group discussions and guide teens

TEENS | LEAD TEACHER

Help preach/teach with the team

COLLEGE | SHUTTLE DRIVER

Provide shuttle rides to students from colleges

YOUNG ADULTS | SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER

Help build a strong online community

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IN THE KNOW

QUEST KIDS

Meeting Times (Sunday):

All Kids [Nursery – 5th Grade]
Rockaway: 9:00AM & 11:30AM
Montclair: 9:30AM & 11:30AM

Let's Pray For: Protection over our children and teachers as they return back to school in September.

Directors:

Pastor Christopher Lewis
Shekinah Powlett (Associate)

QUEST TEENS

Meeting Times (Sunday):

Middle School & High School
Rockaway: 9:00AM & 11:30AM
Montclair: 9:30AM & 11:30AM

Let's Pray For: Teens to be developed into the leaders that God has called them to be.

Directors:

Erwin Rodriguez & EJ Frain

QUEST COLLEGE

Meeting Times:

Prayer for Spiritual Multiplication:
Monday - Friday at 7:00AM
via Zoom

Let's Pray For: College students and volunteers to be instruments of spiritual multiplication helping students, faculty and staff take one step closer to Jesus.

Director:

Angela Maceda

QUEST YOUNG ADULTS

Meeting Times:

Shabbos Dinner
Every Third Friday of the Month
7:45PM - Jersey City, NJ

Let's Pray For: The ministry's growth and that the young adult relationships with God and each other would grow.

Director:

Justina Rivera

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QUEST QUARTERLY

Your quarterly news and updates from Quest Student Ministries



LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Angela Maceda/Quest College Director

In the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), Jesus asked if the priest, the Levite or the Samaritan acted as a neighbor to the robbed man. The lawyer answers, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus then commands, "Go and do likewise." With this biblical story, coupled with a variety of other experiences, the Love Thy Neighbor project was brewed into existence—love hard and love strong, just as Christ did for each and every one of us.

Our first project was with Ms. Paula (at right in above photo), an 83-year old Asian-American woman and neighbor of one of our Quest College members. The team first heard about her during a 7am prayer call and felt the need to help her clean her yard. A couple of days later, Ms. Paula was so overwhelmed by the team's arrival that even the neighbors in the area noticed! At her house, the team

mowed the lawn, uprooted overgrown weeds, cleared bushes and cleaned the backyard, as well as provided spiritual and emotional care and support. To say Ms. Paula was thankful would be an understatement.

"All of my neighbors are going to be so surprised I have so many friends! Wow!" she exclaimed. "My neighbors are going to see all these friends, and they will know the Lord is not fake! He is real!" she said, being so thankful for the team.

That day, the team learned who she was at heart and were not only able to address the question of who is our neighbor, but they also demonstrated to what extent they will go to serve our neighbor. Through this project, they committed themselves to becoming a source of comfort, peace, refuge, even hope!

MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

Welcome to Quest Quarterly! As you peruse this issue, you'll discover the life-changing stories, moments and serving opportunities within our Quest Student Ministries. Our quarterly newsletter offers an inside look of how Quest impacts the lives of our students and young adults. We invite you to learn more about Quest and how you can partner with us!

For Our Students,
Ryan E. Faison, M.Div.
Student Ministries Pastor

QUEST IMPACT

Here's a look at a few numbers that will give you some insight into Quest:

Quest Kids

67 New families registered for Virtual VBS.

Quest Teens

11 Teens said "Yes!" to Jesus since we regathered for in-person services in April (as of Sept. 2021).

Quest College

5 Students were accepted into the Quest Internship Program this summer.

Quest Young Adults

7.2K+ Online views regarding devotions since the beginning of the pandemic.



WHAT IS QUEST STUDENT MINISTRIES?

Quest Student Ministries exists to unite students to God and students to students.

QT'S 2021 SUMMER KICKOFF

EJ Frain & Erwin Rodriguez
Quest Teens Directors

After 14 months of not being able to gather in person, Quest Teens was thrilled to welcome back middle and high school students beginning in May. Soon after, we were able to set the stage for an exciting summer by hosting our annual Color Wars event (photo at right) in June on our Rockaway Campus. It was an action-packed afternoon enjoyed by 68 of our teens, from both campuses, which concluded with a barbecue and an acknowledgement of our high school graduates who each received a certificate to recognize their accomplishment. But before the food and cheers to our grads, it was time to get down to business: dodgeball, tug o' war, a relay race and a free-for-all water balloon fight were all on the menu



before the grand finale—an epic Color War. Each teen wore a white t-shirt that was covered in powdered rainbows by the end of the event. The smiles and laughs served as a reminder of how thankful we were that God made a way for us to regather.

Over at our Montclair Campus, 10 high school graduates, from both campuses, were awarded a \$200 scholarship toward their higher education. This gesture is just one way we support teens who have made a commitment

to their academic future. In addition, Quest Teens hosted an initiative called *Starting Well* at both campuses in August. In partnership with the Montclair Neighborhood and Development Corp. and the Montclair Police Department, *Starting Well* offered students grades 6-12 a day to highlight Self-Care, Community Engagement and Youth Empowerment followed by a backpack and school supplies giveaway. Parents in attendance also received a wellness bag with items to help them cultivate self-care at home.

COMMUNITY THRIVES DESPITE CHALLENGES

Justina Rivera/Quest Young Adults Department Head

Albert Einstein famously said, “In the midst of every crisis, lies great opportunity.” Yet, looking back at the past year and a half, it was at one point very difficult to see how the pandemic could ever yield an opportunity to do ministry well. Quest Young Adults (QYA) was not immune to these various challenges, but God showed Himself faithful, allowing us to recast the vision of our future.

At the core of this reimagining of ministry were two themes: community and covenant. The ministry engaged in social media with weekly, thought-provoking teachings and sessions on the Bible, but also through forums that allowed people to discuss real societal issues on race and other challenging topics.

QYA held safe, in-person activities (photos at left), including Worship on the Beach, outdoor hikes, movie nights and prayer walks. Bimonthly virtual meet-ups became the town square to laugh, pray and encourage one another as we learned how to study the Bible. As a result, on Fridays this summer we gathered for “Shabbos Dinner” as a community in covenant—breaking bread and challenging each other on issues of faith in action.

Ultimately, as we continue to regather and reflect on all that the pandemic has taught us, there is still much to learn and even more to do. In pursuit of a harvest, Quest Young Adults will strive to be dynamic and nimble, with community and covenant at the heart of all that we do!



REACHING FAMILIES ACROSS THE GLOBE

Christopher Lewis/Quest Kids Pastor

In July, Quest Kids reached a lot of new families through a variety of ministry opportunities—including our annual Vacation Bible School (VBS). This year’s VBS, *Press Play*, was a virtual experience that featured a lot of fun games, music, small-group activities, live interactions and most importantly a Gospel message. With a total of over 1,300 views on Facebook and YouTube, Quest Kids was able to reach families from all over the world. Within the United States, the team reached children from several states, including Texas, New York, Georgia and Florida. And internationally, our ministry reached countries such as Puerto Rico, Australia, Nigeria and Trinidad and Tobago (to name a few). We also reached 36 new children and families throughout our Rockaway and Montclair communities.

To keep the momentum going, Quest Kids also hosted various gatherings throughout July to connect and build relationships with the new families we met through Virtual VBS. One of the events was a social gathering at a private movie screening of the new “Space Jam” movie (see photo below). The families were so excited to be able to connect and build new relationships. They learned more about the ministry and met with Pastor Chris (Quest Kids Director) and some other leaders within Quest Kids.

Our Quest Kids Team appreciates all of the families who came out to spend time with them. As the team continues to connect and engage new families, they are encouraging children to always continue their journey to connect with God and people.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Elevate

Elevate Kids

October 16 | 8:30AM-3:30PM
Rockaway Campus

Elevate Teens

October 15 | 5:30PM-9:30PM
Montclair Campus

QUEST KIDS

Pumpkin Picking Meetup

October 9 | 11:00AM
Heaven Hill Farms

QUEST TEENS

Montclair Neighborhood & Development Corp. Public Speaking Program

6 weeks: November — December 2021
Montclair Campus

QUEST COLLEGE

Deeper Encounter

Tuesdays | 7:00-9:00PM
Montclair State University

The Chosen Bible Study

Tuesdays — 1:00-3:00PM
Montclair State University

QUEST YOUNG ADULTS

Shabbos

October 29 | 7:00PM
November 19 | 7:00PM