



# ENVISION

## Alumni Association



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## Welcome

Welcome to the October issue of the Envision Alumni Association newsletter, a publication of NYLF, NYLSC, NYLC, GYLC, ISLP and more! Tell us what you want to see. Email us at [Alumni@EnvisionExperience.com](mailto:Alumni@EnvisionExperience.com) with suggestions.



Recent [NYLF National Security](#) scholars are pictured at Andrews Air Force base exploring a UH-1N Huey, part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Helicopter Squadron. The 1<sup>st</sup> Helicopter Squadron is a United States Air Force unit based at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland assigned to the 811<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 11<sup>th</sup> Wing that supports the Washington DC capital area airlift for the Executive Branch, high-ranking dignitaries, high-ranking military leaders and other VIPs. The squadron is tasked to support key government officials as well as search and rescue missions.

Most people never get to explore a military helicopter or hang out in a cockpit. It's exciting site visits and opportunities like this that make **NYLF National Security** so enriching for scholars interested in defense, intelligence and diplomacy.

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## Alumni Spotlight

### NYC was my classroom!

[Delena W.](#) has accomplished much during her high school career: Senior Class President, Varsity Cheerleader and Head Editor of Academy of Media Productions. As an alumna of **NYLF Digital Media, Film & Journalism**, she gained real-world insight to achieve her dream job in digital media. Read more about Delana's plans and her **NYLF Digital Media, Film & Journalism** experience.

### Five time alumna explains why she keeps coming back

[Rehaana R.](#), a ninth-grader from California, has attended five Envision programs in three consecutive years. Why does she keep coming back? Read her story to find out what she has gained through her Envision experience, her favorite memory and her favorite city.

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## Program Highlight

### NYLF Pathways to STEM

Our elementary program has a new focus and two new locations for summer 2015. Join us in one of seven cities to gain early exposure to STEM-related skills and find out what it's really like to be a doctor, detective or an engineer.

[Learn more and enroll](#) for your next Envision experience!

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## Taking steps in high school toward a college major

"What do you plan on studying?" "Have you thought about a major?" "Do you have a career in mind?" These questions often plague high school students, especially high school seniors when the time comes for choosing a college. What can you be doing now to help answer these questions? High School counselor of 22 years, Randy Rogers, addresses this very practical question on [our blog](#).

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## Ask Envision

Do you have questions about Envision, a program or your alumni benefits? Email your questions to [Alumni@EnvisionExperience.com](mailto:Alumni@EnvisionExperience.com).

### Q: Is the Envision experience worth it?

A: Just ask our past students. We recently polled alumni of Envision programs, and here's what we found:

- 95 percent say they were prepared for the challenges of college.
- 94 percent got into their first, second or third college of choice.
- 89 percent completed their undergraduate degree with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
- 92 percent secured a job within a year of graduating from college and more than half secured a job before graduating from college.
- 95 percent say they were prepared for career challenges.
- 95 percent report that the program made a positive contribution to their lives.

For college- and career-bound students, academic success is no longer enough. Future success skills cannot be found in books, classroom lectures or tests. These are the lessons you can only learn from experience.

If you think your peers or family members could benefit from an Envision experience like yours, let us know! **If you are in high school or older, you have the opportunity to nominate others to attend an Envision program.** [Log in](#) to the association using your program-specific password and look for the "Share the Envision Experience" link under Alumni Benefits.

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## Get your gear!

Shop the [Official Envision Store](#) for the latest Envision Merchandise and receive 10% off your purchase. We stock the most in-demand styles of program t-shirts, sweatshirts and backpacks for alumni and current students. **Use Alumni Discount Code: ALUMNI10 when you check out to receive your discount.**



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## Practical Matters

### Program-specific Passwords

Your alumni password is located in your program journal. Forgotten your password? No problem. Just give our Office of Admissions a call at (703) 584-9513, or toll-free at (877) 587-9659. We are here to assist you, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

### College Credits & Transcripts

Most Envision programs partner with either George Mason University or Loras College to offer you the opportunity to apply for college credit for successfully completing select programs. If you opted to receive college credit for your Envision program and need your transcript, please see details below regarding how to receive it from the appropriate institution.

### **Loras College**

Programs receiving credit from Loras College include *NYLF Engineering & Technology*, *NYLF Business & Innovation* and *NYLF Digital Media, Broadcast & Journalism*. College credit is issued on a pass/fail basis. Access to official Loras College transcripts must be requested through Loras College. To request an academic transcript, visit [Loras College's website](#).

### **George Mason University**

College credit on most remaining programs is issued by George Mason University on a pass/fail basis. Acceptance of this credit by your current or prospective college or university is dependent upon the policy and discretion of the institution. Access to official George Mason University transcripts must be requested through George Mason University. For more information, visit [George Mason University's website](#).

### **Letters of Participation**

Please Note: 2014 alumni wishing to access Letters of Participation through the alumni section of the website will be able to do so in late October. Letters are created once all programs are complete and information has filtered back to HQ from the field offices. If you must have one prior to the fall, please contact us for options.

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