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Dates to Remember...

WELCOME NEW WINS I

You will get a final schedule your first day of class, but mark down these dates!!

Thursday, July 6th: **First Day!**

Academy of Natural Sciences
10:00am to 3:00pm

August 14th to 18th: **Trip to Poconos Environmental Education Center**



WINS II

Monday, June 26th: **Customer Service Training**

All Explainers and Interns ONLY
9:30am to 4:00pm BEES classroom

Tuesday, June 27th: **Workshop: What is Autism? and "Object Learning"**

followed by WINS II Mix and Mingle.
9:30am to 1:00pm BEES classroom

Thursday, July 20th: **Field Trip! Wild about the Pinelands!**

Chatsworth, NJ. Meet at the Academy at
8:30am, back by 4:00pm

Wednesday, August 23rd: **Big Sister/ Little Sister Activity**

3:00pm to 4:30pm BEES classroom

Tuesday, August 27th: **Field Trip! USDA presentations & Johnson House Historic Site (Underground Railroad Station and Museum).**

Meet at ANSP 9:00am, back by 3:30pm

WINS Newsletter

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All activities are
rain or shine!

Please let
Ms. Betsy know
if you cannot
make it to an
activity
beforehand.



Women In Natural Sciences (WINS) is an innovative and successful science enrichment program conducted by the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University in collaboration with the School District of Philadelphia. Since its founding in 1982, WINS has been providing female public school students with hands-on science classes, scientific literacy and skill-building activities, and opportunities for personal growth in a uniquely nurturing setting.

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Cecile Smith



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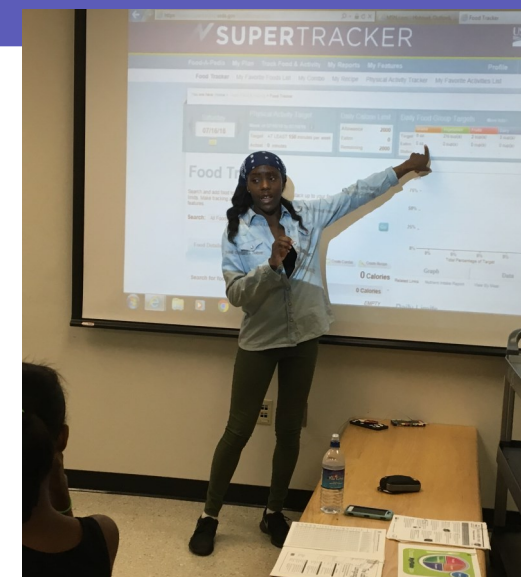
My WINS Experience

Taking constant pictures of activities, setting up for class on Wednesdays, and packing heavy suitcases onto the back of the bus for overnight trips, these are just some of the jobs that only the WINS I Assistant knows far too well. My time as the assistant were times I will look back on and cherish forever. WINS has made an impactful influence on me, but being the WINS I Assistant adds a deeper experience to being in WINS II and working.

I loved re-living all the trips from WINS I all over again because this time I was with my girls and the perspective was not the same; instead I could enjoy the trips from "chaperone" point of view. One of my favorite trips with the girls was our annual trip to PEEC, I loved how engaged they were on the activities. In addition to their excitement at trying new things like canoeing or hiking, which was the first time most of the girls had ever done anything like that before, it was interesting for me seeing how they would react or handle some of the activities given to them. All the girls are super smart and sweet, and they would ask me questions or concerns about the future in WINS, or about school in general. This made me feel really great because I got to open up a lot more and take on more of a leadership role than I would usually do on my own.



Reliving her WINS I experience, Cecile Smith (far right) helps with the horseshoe crab lesson.



Cecile Smith showing the WINS I how to use a health app during food week in summer 2016.

Most important of all, being the assistant I became closer to Ms. Betsy and Ms. Kim than I did just working as an explainer. I got to spend a lot more time with them, therefore the amount of trust and responsibility they gave me was even more. They have been so supportive and understanding throughout my senior year, which was something I appreciated. Being a senior can be stressful with all the college applications, essays, and course load piling up, but Ms. Betsy and Ms. Kim never eased to check up on me to make sure I was holding up okay.

Even though my time as the assistant has come to a culmination, and the keys have been passed down to my successor, I will always remember the moments I have shared with the girls, and I will miss each and every one of them.

Cecile Smith, WINS Senior

What WINS Means to Me...

Before the summer of 2013, I didn't know that I had this side to me. The side that loves learning, the side that loves nature, and the side that make me who I am today. The past four years that I've been in WINS let me discover so many adventures that I couldn't do alone. WINS help me find the inner me, the me that loves adventure and taking risks. The first day of WINS I had to face my fears, but I didn't know that touching the Madagascar Roach would be the first step to becoming successful. WINS has guided me to my success, with every adventure and opportunity that the program offered, it has shaped the way I am.



Ngan Tran, standing at left of picture, eyes the Madagascar Hissing Cockroach with apprehension while WINS I Assistant Janai Keita shows her the proper handling procedure.

I never thought that I could do canoeing or kayaking since water is one of my biggest fear. However, being in WINS and with the girls let me realized that I can do it, my fears are not stronger than I am, because together, the girls and I are stronger than any fears. Now, I'm stronger than ever because I know that I got people who I can trust, people that would help me without condition.



Ngan, on right, getting ready to snorkel in the Pacific Ocean on the WINS "Mariposa Project" trip to Costa Rica. With her is Muneeba Arshad, WINS II Senior.

I love exploring and WINS made adventure happen for me. I can't explain how much the program has offered me. I got to go to places that I couldn't imagine that I would actually go myself, and tried the activities that I've always wish for. With every adventure that WINS took me, I always learned something new, either if it something that helps me

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Junio

- 2nd—Muneeba Arshad
- 3rd—Linda Gutierrez
- 6th—Trinity Niroda
- 14th—Mazina Adams
- 17th—Jada Catanch

Julio

- 7th—Aniyah Lundy
- 11th—Khadjah McGriff
- 13th—Arianna Alvaro
- 20th—Kayla Savage
- 24th—Leilani Cintrón
- 24th—Catherine Smith

Agosto

- 11th—Donnetta Jordan



WINS Seniors 2016-2017

Congratulations Seniors!!! After all the hard work of applications, tests and FASFA, all 14 seniors have been accepted and are in the process of preparing for college.

A WINS first, this year we have five seniors who will be going to Drexel University! Fionna Truong received the WINS/Drexel full scholarship and will be studying Biology, Muneeba Arshad also received a full scholarship through Liberty Scholars and will be studying Biomedical Engineering, Linda Gutierrez will be studying Environmental Sciences, Samiha Tahsin is in the Pre-med program; and Ariel Bradley will be studying Music Business.

Not too far away will be Chelsea Middlebrooks who will be going to Temple University for Theater and Harleen Gonzalez at Philadelphia University studying Biology in the Pre-med track. A little farther will be Tara Houser at Rosemont College studying Forensic Sociology and Criminology, Ngan Tran who will be studying Political Sciences in Lehigh University, and Jaidah Murphy, who will be in American University studying International Services.

Some of our WINS are still undecided in their fields of choice but know where they are going: Faatimat Sylla will be at Penn State Abington,



WINS Seniors 2017: (clockwise from top left) Fionna Truong, Ngan Tran, Linda Gutierrez, Arianna Bradley, Ariel Bradley, Cecile Smith, Jaidah Murray, Muneeba Arshad, Faatimat Sylla, Yasmeen Taylor, Samiha Tahsin, Chelsea Middlebrooks, Harleen Gonzalez and Tara Houser.

Yasmeen Taylor will be at Penn State Brandywine, Arianna Bradley will be at LaSalle University, Cecile Smith will be at University of Virginia.

I am very proud of these young ladies, and I know they will succeed in their future adventures.

Betsy Payne, WINS Manager

What WINS Means to Me (cont.)

survive in the woods, or something that would help me in the real world. I can say that I wrapped myself around the program and without the program I wouldn't grow to who I am today, others.

To me WINS is not just a program, it is a family that I could trust when it comes to hard time and a family that will always be there for me even when I fall. I know this because Ms. Betsy, Ms. Kim, and the girls have supported me through my hardest time. They didn't support just me, but my whole family, they never let go even when I wanted to let go. Because of this, I have grown to learn that there are people out there that will always be there for me. I've grown a lot over the past four-years of being in WINS, I've grown because of the support and love I receive in the program, and there is nothing I would ever replace my experience in WINS with.

Ngan Tran, WINS II

Academy's New Logo

The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University unveiled a new logo this June that powerfully reflects its interconnected mission and growth in research, education and public engagement.



The new logo consists of a "heart of discovery" mark next to the Academy's name. The symbol evokes the pathways of knowledge, research, education, curiosity, and effort that interweave, resulting in years of groundbreaking discoveries by its scientists in the lab, in the field, and even by visiting students on a class trip.