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# January 2024 at EHTP and Scholars Academies

January 22, 2024

# JANUARY 2024 EHTP NEWSLETTER



**Dear East Harlem Tutorial Program & Scholars Academies Families,**

2024 has started full of promise, energy, and potential. As this calendar year races by and we enter the second half of the school year. Thank you to every single East Harlem Tutorial Program and East Harlem Scholars

Academies staff for their dedication and commitment to this community and our scholars.

In February we welcome our new CEO Marina Cofield to the organization, we are all eager to see her get started as EHTP enters this chapter under new leadership.

If you are an East Harlem Scholars Academy family with a student of 11 to 13 years of age, EHTP has partnered with Sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha for a Youth Leadership Initiative starting next month. To learn more or apply email [engage@ehp.org](mailto:engage@ehp.org) with your name and school details, subject line (YIL)

Tax season is here and if you qualify for our partnership with Single Stop beginning on February 1st, will get your taxes done at no cost to you. To schedule an appointment, make sure you qualify with the checklist below and [register](#).

Stay tuned for our Black History Month events and other announcements by following [@EHTPNYC](#) on Instagram.

**With Love,**

**EHTP Senior Management Team**

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS & FAMILY RESOURCES**

## **Welcoming Marina Cofield**

In early December, East Harlem Tutorial Program's Board of Directors announced Marina



Cofield, a highly experienced educational leader, as the organization's new incoming Chief Executive Officer, effective February 1, 2024. Marina in her own words Marina is "deeply grateful and honored to have been chosen to serve as your next leader, and can't wait to roll up my sleeves and start working with you soon." Congratulations Marina as we welcome her to lead the team.


## EHTP is Partners with Alpha Kappa Alpha

AT EHTP, we believe our Scholars are tomorrow's leaders, this year EHTP is working with sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha to train middle schoolers from around our network with leadership skills that will carry them through life.

This monthly development program is designed to empower young students and help them build habits that will lead to success in the future.



All scholars between the ages of 11 - 13 are welcome to apply by emailing [engage@etph.org](mailto:engage@etph.org).



**NEED FREE HELP FILING TAXES?**

Single Stop's IRS Certified VITA/TCE Volunteers can prepare and file your taxes from home!

**Free Tax Prep: February 1st - February 29, 2024**

**TAXPAYER CHECKLIST**

- Valid government ID for yourself and your spouse
- Social Security cards or ITIN for you or any dependents being claimed on your tax return
- Child care expenses, provider information, and tax ID
- A voided check or bank statement with routing and account numbers for direct deposit
- Form 1098-T for tuition paid for post-high/ undergrad school education
- All income statements: W-2, 1099-R (pension), 1099-G (unemployment statement), and all 1099 forms paid in cash or personal checks
- Form 1095-A if you purchased health insurance through the marketplace
- If you are a victim of identity theft, your current year IP-PIN (assigned by the IRS)
- Your tax return for the previous year
- Any other tax related information

**IN PERSON TAX PREPARATION**

Available February 1st - February 29, 2024  
\*appointment required

2050 2nd Ave,  
New York, NY, 10029

**AVAILABILITY:**  
Thursdays — 9 AM - 4 PM

**TO PARTICIPATE, YOU WILL NEED:**

- Income of less than \$50,000 for a single filer or \$80,000 if you have dependents
- An appointment for tax prep
- A valid email address
- A smartphone to access video conference and TaxSlayer for virtual appointments

**TO SCHEDULE A TAX APPOINTMENT:**

Visit [BIT.LY/EHTax](https://bit.ly/EHTax) or scan the QR code here.

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT:**

TaxSupport@singlestop.org  
800-290-7189

## Free Tax Preparation Services Available for Our Families February 1-29, 2024

Need **free help** filing taxes? Single Stop's IRS Certified VITA/TCE Volunteers can prepare and file your taxes **from home!**

To schedule an appointment, visit [bit.ly/EHTax](https://bit.ly/EHTax) or scan the QR code here.

Questions? Contact our community partner Single Stop at [taxsupport@singlestop.org](mailto:taxsupport@singlestop.org).

# AT OUR JREC CAMPUS

## Scholars Participate in 3 Kings Day Community Parade

East Harlem Scholars Academies joined hundreds of community members and fellow students from around the neighborhood for El Museo Del Barrio's Annual 3 Kings Day Parade. Teachers and Scholars from our network took part in the parade up Park Avenue.



This year was El Museo 47th annual parade which despite frigid temperatures featured live music, a lively parade and a delightful atmosphere. The parade celebrates a day that for Spanish-speaking countries including Spain, Puerto Rico, Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Mexico among others, is like Christmas or Navidad Three Kings Day is a religious holiday that has become a popular cultural event in the city of New York.



## Three Kings Day Parade returns in person

[Check Out the Video Scholars on Fox 5 NY](#)

# AT OUR 2ND AVENUE CAMPUS



## A Visit to Remember: Senator Zellnor Myrie Inspire East Harlem Scholars

Last week, East Harlem Scholars Academy Middle School had the honor of welcoming New York State Senator Zellnor Myrie. In a captivating session with our scholars, Senator Myrie delved into the essence of democracy and the pivotal role of elected representatives in voicing the needs of their constituencies.

This visit wasn't just about learning the mechanics of democracy; it was a live demonstration of leadership and civic responsibility. Senator Myrie's insights provided our scholars with a deeper understanding of their role in our democratic society.

The event also shone a spotlight on our newly elected Student Government Body President, Jaydin Lopez. Jaydin took the stage with poise and enthusiasm, sharing her recent initiatives and the impactful work she's doing on behalf of her fellow students. Her words were a powerful reminder of the change young leaders can bring about in their community.

Together, Senator Myrie's visit and Jaydin's speech have ignited a spark of inspiration among our scholars,

furthering our commitment to nurturing informed, active, and responsible citizens.

## Scholars Elementary Welcomes Author A.J. Gholson

Scholars Elementary welcomes Author A.J. Gholson, who is the creator of the book series "Nylah Versus" which includes different books such as "Nylah vs Fear" and "Nylah vs Anger".

He created these books so his daughter Nylah could read books with characters that are representative of her and her classmates. A.J. uses the books as teachable moments wherever he goes. Students were given copies as were our classes.

Thank you to A.J for bringing his special book and keeping our scholars engaged with this reading. This was an fun event for all of our scholars!





# AT OUR HIGH SCHOOL

## MLK Day as a Service Day for East Harlem Scholars Academy High School



In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Scholars High School students and staff joined Repair the World and the Jewish Community Center of Harlem for a Day of Service and learning centered around Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s words of reflection.

As volunteers they helped packing hygiene kits for arriving migrants and folks in the community who are in need.

# EHTP ACROSS CAMPUSES



## Student Enrollment & Recruitment; January Open House

Thank you to everyone who made the January Open House at our 2nd Avenue campus a success. From Teachers to all the families that showed up to learn more about East

Harlem Scholars Academies and the programs we offer.

Our Open House was pure magic! ✨ engaging conversations to exclusive previews. Stay tuned for more exciting updates about our next open house and if you ever have any questions you can email [Enrollment@eastharlemscholars.org](mailto:Enrollment@eastharlemscholars.org)

## Public Engagement's Monthly Food Distribution

EHTP's Public Engagement team continues to serve the East Harlem Community and our Scholar's Families. Almost 100 Families received food assistance, this month through our EHTP Food Pantry.

Huge thank you Maya Vilaplana for all the incredible hard work she has put into offering families all the recourses and services that EHTP offers.



Thank you also to New York Common Pantry and Kappa Omega's -CHIPP program for providing much needed meals at no cost to our families and community.



## Public Engagement Helps with Professional Development

EHTP, partners with El Barrio's Operation Fightback (EBOF) for Work, Learn, & Grow (WLG) which offers young people ages 16 to 21 from select public schools in New York City an opportunity to strengthen work readiness skills, explore careers, and receive academic support, including guidance on postsecondary education and the potential to earn college credit.



This year, we have 6 WLG interns who will be supporting our OST program at Patrick Henry, Scholars Elementary, and Robotics.

## EHTP's OST Middle School Program Highlights

- OST SMID tripled DYCD Applicants last Fall, reflecting deepened ties with our families and community, launched our first EP “Candy Canes” with Music Production and our first network-wide Dance Team.
- Looking ahead: OST SMID launches a series of short films highlighting *Classroom Management Challenges, Accountability and Anti-bullying*.
- Our first loungewear collection to launch June '24.
- Our Dance Team prepares to compete statewide representing EHTP!

*Below: Scenes from OST Middle School Program's Winter Showtime 2024!*



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