

Peer to Peer Pitch – City Limits, Abigail Savitch Lew

SUBJECT: Teens Have the Ultimate Summer Job on the High Line

Hi Abigail- Kayla here from the High Line! I just read about the CLARIFY program, and I have a pitch for you focused on a very kindred program here in New York City. Because of the similarities between the programs, I think this would be a great opportunity to work with one of your students as they profile a High Line Teens member in a peer-to-peer way.

[High Line Teens](#) is a paid employment opportunity for local youth, giving New York high school students the ultimate summer job by allowing them to focus on their professional interests and serve their community. The 40+ teens in the High Line Teens program work on leadership development through civic engagement, arts and culture, ecological horticulture initiatives, public programs, and strategic partnerships available through the High Line and the High Line Network. Above all, this program is a great example of an intentional, intensive teen employment program that can serve as a model for other companies and nonprofit organizations.

We'd love to bring one of your students out to the High Line this summer to see the teens in action. Teens on the horticulture track oversee their own section of the High Line (dubbed "The Prairie") and use advanced horticultural techniques they learned through the program to keep it in tip-top shape. We'd be happy to help coordinate a profile interview with a specific member of the High Line Teens program who can speak on how it's making a difference in their life and preparing them for their future, such as Amiya Gonzalez, a young woman going to college in the fall and majoring in forestry after finding her passion for horticulture on the High Line.

Let me know what you think!