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Reps. Clarke, Maloney Honor New York Youth with Congressional Award

New York, NY — On October 21, 2018, U.S. Representatives **Yvette Clarke (NY-09)** and **Carolyn Maloney (NY-12)** hosted The Congressional Award's 2018 New York Statewide Ceremony at New York Law School in the Tribeca neighborhood of Lower Manhattan, New York City.



Peal Dip of Elmhurst, NY receives his Bronze Medal from Representatives Clarke and Maloney.

The ceremony recognized **297 youth across the state** for their personal goal-setting and acts of citizenship. Just shy of 50 recipients were able to attend the event.

To earn the award, each young person set and achieved goals in four program areas – Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration.

This year's group contributed **37,055 volunteer hours** to their communities, an average of 125 hours per participant.

"I was delighted to be able to salute all the wonderful young people who received The Congressional Award at the New York ceremony," said **Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney**.

It's a terrific program in which everyone benefits - the participants, who devote as much as two years of their time to projects that enable them to develop new skills, new interests, new insights, and new experiences as they go through the program; local organizations and people in need, who benefit from thousands of hours of public service volunteered by talented and ambitious young people; and communities, which benefit from having talented young people who have succeeded in challenging themselves to excel and who are becoming the leaders of the future," added Maloney.

Issuing inspiring words of encouragement to the recipients **Congresswoman Yvette Clarke** stated, "Remember this award is only the beginning of your journey. Make service your lifestyle!"

Pamela Wilks, Assistant Principal of Manhattan Hunter Science High School, was presented with the *Outstanding Advisor* award for her efforts in mentoring students through the program.



New York's Congressional Award recipients with Representatives Clarke, Maloney, and special guests.

Guests of honor included three members of The Congressional Award's National Board of Directors - **Anthony Crowell**, Dean and President of New York Law School, **Dr. Brian Johnson**, and **Mitch Draizin** - as well as NYC Council Member **Ritchie Torres**.

Spectrum News NY1 political reporter **Grace Rauh** volunteered her talents as the master of ceremonies.

[Event photos](#), [ceremony program](#), and [list of award recipients](#) (including hometowns) are available to view and download.

About

The Congressional Award is the United States Congress' only charity and the highest honor bestowed upon a youth civilian through the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Established by Congress as a public-private partnership in 1979 under Public Law 96-114, the program recognizes initiative, service, and achievement in youth ages 13 ½ - 23. Learn more at www.congressionalaward.org.

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