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# PARSEC YOUTH NETWORK

Official Newsletter

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## OUR MISSION

**To keep youth informed, connected, and engaged in our communities.**

We connect youth to everything relevant to them, all under one network.

## WHAT WE OFFER

1. **Free online tutoring** services for students
2. **Free academic advising** for students
3. Free access to youth-related resources and opportunities
4. Free promotional opportunities for related organizations or events

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# OUR STORY

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## ABOUT US

The Parsec Youth Network (PYN) is a non-profit organization led and founded by students dedicated to **providing free accessible education services to all students.**



**WE HELP KEEP YOUTH INFORMED, CONNECTED, AND ENGAGED**



As students, we are fully aware of the challenges of finding opportunities, services, and resources necessary to develop a professional and academic skills.

This is why our PYN team stays committed to providing tutoring services and various resources keeping youth informed, connected, and engaged. Our hope is that our efforts can help to make the process of personal and professional growth a little bit easier to navigate.

## WHY "PARSEC"?

A parsec is an astronomical unit of distance equal to ~3.26 light years. It also symbolize the incredible distances our students can reach when provided necessary resources and services that promote their personal and academic growth.



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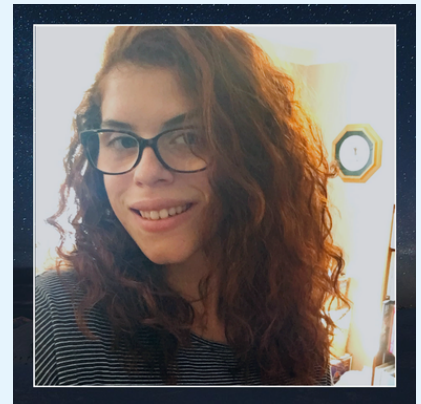
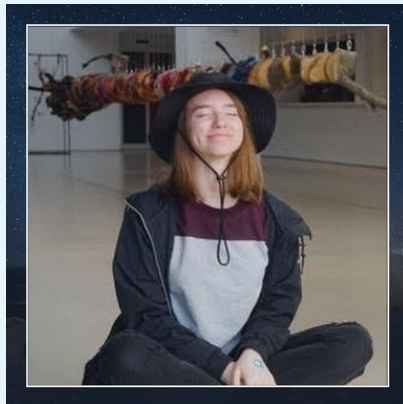
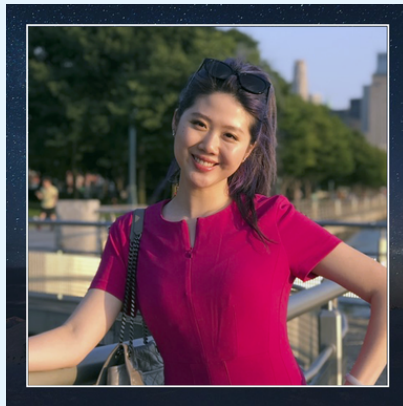
**Our Partners (Top-Down):** Hamilton Health Sciences Volunteer Resources, The University of Toronto Centre for Community Partnerships, The Niisaachewan Anishinaabe Nation Education Department, World Vision McMaster, The University of Ottawa Michaëlle Jean Centre for Global and Community Engagement, and Havn

# TUTORING PROGRAM

## OPEN NOW! ENROLL!

We provide our tutoring services to **over 500 students** from Greater Toronto Area, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Vancouver, and more. We have **over 1200 volunteer tutors** from over 100 different institutions around the world including **Stanford University, University of Oxford, The Julliard School** and more.

[CLICK HERE FOR TUTORING SIGN-UP FORM](#)



**A Couple of Our Tutors (Top-Down, Left to Right):** Juwairiya Ahmad, Wanchun Jin, Lan-Vy, Toni-Rose Asuncion, Meghan Nemeth, Alexzena, Elina Farahani, Catherine, Grace

# THANK YOU!

## SUMMER WORKSHOP PROGRAM: SUCCESS!

Thank you so much to all of you who participated in our Summer Workshop Program. We had **over 300 registrants** and delivered **over 150 workshops** over the course of 8 weeks. We are proud and happy to have offered 10 different types of workshops tailored to the requests and needs of our students with over 23 workshop facilitators.

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**PYN SUMMER WORKSHOP PROGRAM TESTIMONIAL**

Cooking class was my daughter's favourite. She enjoyed so much past 2 months. Thank you so much for the great workshop!

(Cooking/healthy eating, ages 6+)

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**PYN SUMMER WORKSHOP PROGRAM TESTIMONIAL**

Thank you for providing these great summer workshops! My daughter is going to French immersion school in September and this will be very beneficial. Overall, it was great and she was very professional.

(French workshop, ages 5-11)

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**PYN SUMMER WORKSHOP PROGRAM TESTIMONIAL**

All the workshops were very interesting for my children. They enjoyed them very much. It gave them something interesting to do whether they like it or it gave them an idea if they did not like them. Thank you very much.

(Social games/cooking/int. coding workshops)

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**PYN SUMMER WORKSHOP PROGRAM TESTIMONIAL**

Incredible workshop! The teacher was very respectful and helped us learn throughout the way! She explained the different phases of an essay and really helped us build a strong essay. This was very beneficial for me. Overall, this workshop should be done more so that every child can produce a strong essay :)

(Essay writing workshop, ages 13+)

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**PYN SUMMER WORKSHOP PROGRAM TESTIMONIAL**

This was an incredible workshop! I was so engaged with the learning that was going on and the teacher was amazing! This was a very beneficial workshop for me! I would 100% recommend this workshop to other children as well!

(Coding workshop, intermediate)

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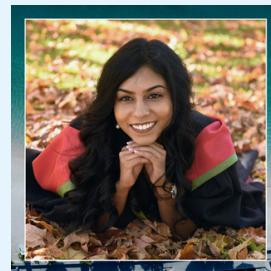
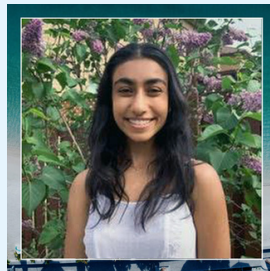
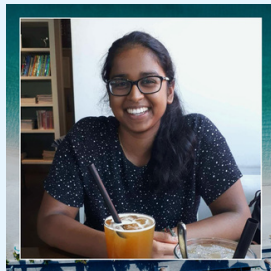
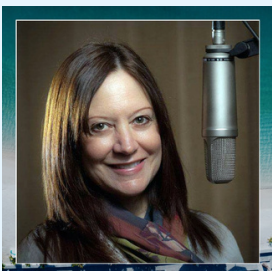
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**PYN SUMMER WORKSHOP PROGRAM TESTIMONIAL**

My daughter is a beginner to coding and thank you Ms. Chaumiya for your detailed explanation. The speed of the instruction was very appropriate and she was able to follow easily. Thank you!!

(Computer coding workshop, beginner)

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**A Couple of Our Facilitators:** Mimi Snider, Abby Christi, Jenna Mistry, Chaumiya Parameswaran, Safa Ansar

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# OUR VALUES

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## Our PARSEC Philosophy

### Potential

We're here to connect you to the right the resources and opportunities you need to reach your fullest potential.

### Ambition

We want you to think ambitiously and take the initiative to improve yourself and the community around you. Aim high, because you never know how far you can fly until you try.

### Reciprocity

It's important to remember the people who helped you achieve your goals. There are endless ways you can give back to people who helped you get where you are today. Our volunteer tutors are offering their skills back to the community: reciprocating what they previously received.

### Support

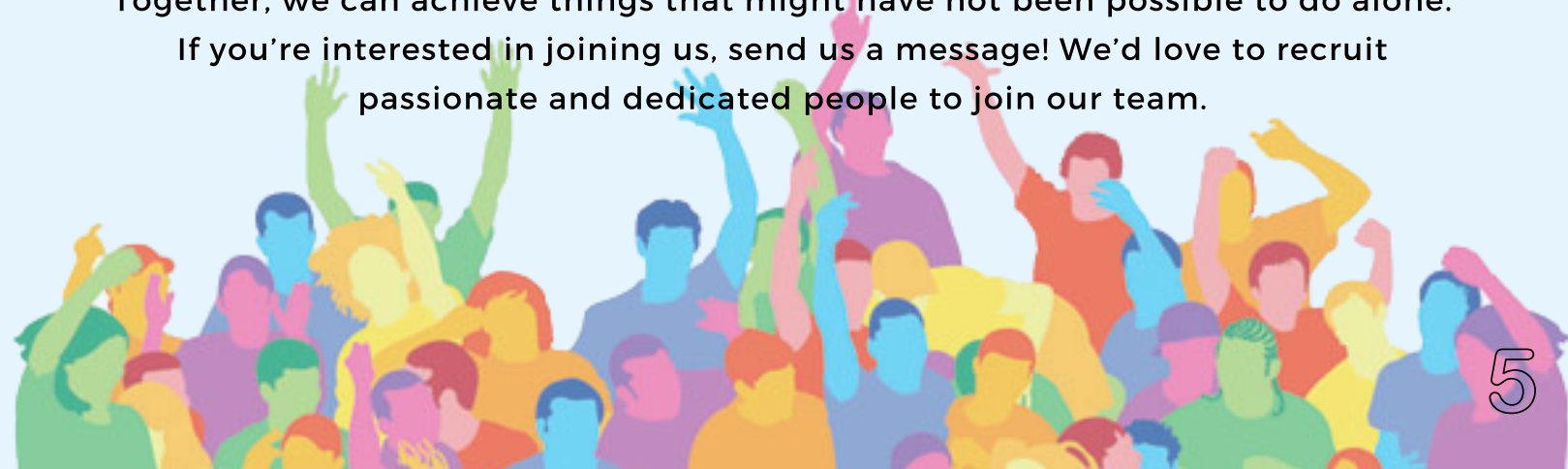
We promote a safe and supportive environment when providing guidance and support. Please do not hesitate reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

### Evolution

It's not always about where you are in the moment. It's about how you'll grow and evolve to become a better person tomorrow than you were today. There's always something you can improve on and work towards.

### Cooperation

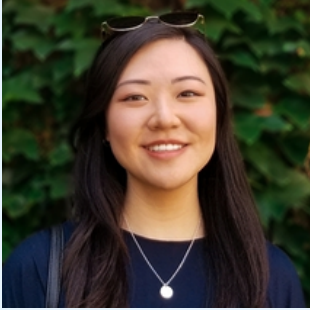
Together, we can achieve things that might have not been possible to do alone. If you're interested in joining us, send us a message! We'd love to recruit passionate and dedicated people to join our team.



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# OUR PYN TEAM

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**Anna Tran**

**Co Founder and Director of Operations**

Education: McMaster University,  
University of Cambridge

Anna was elected to serve as a Director on Volunteer Canada's Board of Directors in 2020. She works full-time as a clinical researcher, specializing in emergency and thrombosis medicine, and has presented her work at national & international medical conferences. Anna is passionate about youth empowerment, mental health awareness, and climate change advocacy. She loves rowing, photography, astronomy, and BBC Earth shows with Sir David Attenborough and Prof. Brian Cox.

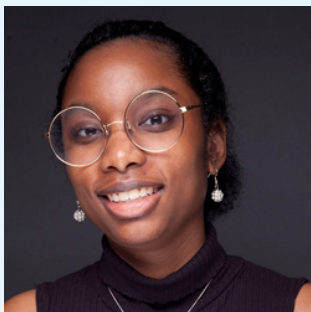


**Mindy Lu**

**Program Director**

Education: McMaster University,  
University of Toronto

Mindy is a study coordinator for an ongoing ophthalmology study that has been accepted for presentation at international conferences, and is also a research assistant working on a nationwide influenza study. She is also currently pursuing a Masters of Public Health at the University of Toronto. Her hope is to be able to help underprivileged populations move towards equality and a higher quality of life. In Mindy's free time, she enjoys reading and swimming.



**Ayesha Hassan**

**Director of Research**

Education: McMaster University,  
University of Toronto

Ayesha is a published author of a DNA study based at The Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning with The SickKids Foundation. In 2013, she was selected to participate in a competitive immersive French summer program in Paris, France. Ayesha enjoys jigsaw puzzles & painting during her free time.

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# JOIN OUR TEAM!

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**Interested in volunteering with us?**

**We're currently recruiting:**

**- Volunteer tutors (remote)**

**[Click here for Volunteer Tutor Application Form](#)**

**- Research Committee Members (remote)**

For details, visit us at:

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