Program Beginnings

The YAW classroom was full of excitement as students walked into their first day of the program. To kick off the season in the spirit of respect and unity the students worked together to create their list of Community Agreements, a set of rules the whole class agreed to follow prioritizing artistic expression, kindness, and fun! The first project the students embarked on is called “Portrait Without a Face.” Students worked with different mediums to visualize their identity without actually using their faces. With snippets of magazines, drawings, and embellishments each student created a unique design to express their self. The students also took part in their first session with The Clay Studio and hand-crafted their own mugs. To close the week the whole class took a trip to The Franklin Institute, as pictured below. The first week was full of new beginnings, new friends, and definitely fun!

Community Agreement @ YAW 2018

1. Respect our physical and personal space.

2. Safety is No. 1—Be aware of yourself and surroundings.

3. Don’t be afraid to express yourself and participate!

4. Let your imagination wild around and have fun!
Week One & Two

**Drawing Intensive**

The second week of YAW was designed as a drawing intensive. The students started with still life drawings to practice seeing light. From taking black shadows to white lights the students studied how light can form an object on a flat surface. They then moved on to quick figure drawings. Mimicking college-level figure drawing courses, the students took turns modeling and producing 2-3 minute figure drawings to learn more about curves, balance, and physiology. Lastly, the students drew each other's faces—they switched out as models and drew fast portraits of each other to get practice with facial features. These intensive programs were designed to help the students get a grasp on drawing general shapes and bodies without focusing too much on detail. They learned about lines and light—the two integral pieces of drawing.

Aside from these drawing sessions the students had fun designing their own pillows! The sewing workshops held this week allowed students to express their inner-interior designer. Students used felt, beads, and thread to create a personalized decorative pillow. Once again, the week ended in a field trip—this time to the Adventure Aquarium.

**Adventure Aquarium**

YAW students working hard on their quick figure drawing sessions.

YAW students on their trip to Adventure Aquarium.