



Ozanam
basketball
program

Newsletter



We are committed to making a difference in the lives of the youth we serve.

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Ozanam Afterschool Program Feature



Jackira Fay Young

What is your name?

Jackira Fay Young

How old are you? 7 years old

What is your school grade? 1st grade

What School do you attend? St. Benedict the Moor

What makes coming to Ozanam fun? Dodgeball, and being able to play outside

What was fun about the trip? I got to do a lot of fun things on these trips.

What Ozanam activities do you participate? I participated in Art activities.

How long have you been involved with Ozanam ASP? I have been involved with the ASP for 4 years.

Describe what you do during Ozanam Afterschool Program? I do homework with tutors that help me from Duquesne University.

What is your favorite part about Ozanam? I like being able to participate in different fun, and educational activities.

What do you learn during Ozanam Afterschool Program? I have learn how to get along with others, and how to become a better student, so that I can get good grades in school.

What is it like having your brother involved in Ozanam with you? It is awesome having my brother with me in the ASP because he looks after me.

Do you remember how or why you started coming to Ozanam ASP? Because of my brother (Jackiel), and I needed help with my homework is why and how I attended the ASP.

Have you gone on trips with Ozanam? Where? I went to the Zoo, the Science Center, and the Swimming Pool.

DID YOU KNOW.....?

1. Darelle Porter, Ozanam Executive Director has two children that play basketball. Daughter, Michaela a 5'10 rising senior at Pittsburgh Obama Academy and son, D. J. 6'5 who began his collegiate basketball career at Polk State College has accepted an athletic scholarship to St. Francis in New York.
2. Duquesne Assistant Women's Basketball Coach, Eddie Benton, holds the scoring record, 2, 474 points at the University of Vermont. He was awarded the Francis Pomeroy Naismith award his senior year which is given to the best college senior player in the country who is 6'0 and shorter.
3. Ozanam participants make college visits during the spring.



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Men's Challenge Community Service Award



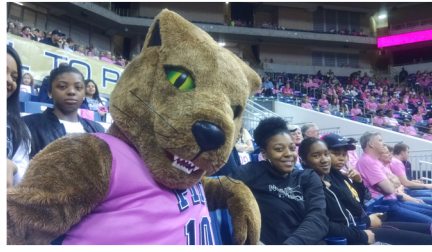
Clarion University coaches with ASP kids



9 & Under vs Mom's game



Allderice Ramon Creighton - PIAA States



HS Program Pitt visit Pink the PETE



Jordan Rawls OZANAM MVP



Allderice, Tim Jackson, Ramon Creighton, James Jackson - Boys City Champs



Obama Academy - Girls City Champs



5th grade girls playing in tournament at Duquesne University.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April
5 - 8 - PBC-Ozanam @ Montour High School

TBD - Washington, DC trip

TBD - Ronald McDonald Home Visit

MAY
25 - Annual Ozanam Youth Leadership Conference
5:30pm @ Ammon Recreation Center (ARC)

JUNE
4 - Girls 18-under Summer Basketball League Begins @ ARC. Games played

Saturday morning every two weeks.

13 - Boys 12-under Summer Basketball League Begins @ ARC

4 - Boys 14-under Summer Basketball League Begins @ ARC

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Alumni Corner: Hart Coleman

- Q. How did you hear about Ozanam?
A. *Growing up in the Hill district, I started playing basketball at Wadsworth Hall. Traveling to the various rec centers, I got exposed to playing at Ozanam at an early age.*
- Q. Why did you become involved with Ozanam?
A. *I initially got involved in Ozanam by playing basketball for Wadsworth Hall's travel team.*
- Q. How instrumental was Ozanam in your personal growth & basketball development?
A. *Ozanam was very instrumental in helping shape my personal and basketball life. It was my first exposure to working as a team which I have continued to carry forward within my professional life. The coaches that I had at Ozanam took to time to help me develop as a basketball player and a man. This is why I coach today. It is my opportunity to give back what was given to me.*
- Q. What are two highlights of your Ozanam experience?
A. *My first highlight is putting on that Ozanam t-shirt for the first time. Please don't ever change the shirts. Secondly, playing for the 16 & under championship for Brashear & having my mom in the stands, along with Larry Anderson who became my basketball coach at CMU.*
- Q. What team did you play on? Who was your coach?
Name 2/3 teammates
A. *I initially played for Wadsworth Hall for Pete Morris.*
A. *I played with John Pickett, Tyrone Minniefield & Jason Morris.*
A. *Also played for Brashear's summer team for Coach Elmer Guckert. I played with Mike Rivers, DeAndre Smith, Deron Grimmet, Kevin Skinner and Mike Morris.*
- Q. Were you on the Ozanam teams that traveled to compete internationally?
A. *No*
- Q. Why is Ozanam an important organization in today's culture?
A. *Ozanam is part of the fabric of the hill district. It has helped to develop many of us into professional men*

& women. With the factors that are stacked up against the youth today, it is even more essential to have a program like Ozanam.



- Q. What contribution has Ozanam had on your professional life?
A. *I learned through participating in the various programs offered by Ozanam that I can become anything that I put my mind to. This was my motivation to attend CMU. We were taught the meaning of family & teamwork. I carried that on throughout college and professionally. We also learned to make our environment a product of us not to become a product of our environment.*
- Q. How unique is it that Ozanam is operated by three alumni?
A. *I can't think of a better example of how important and productive Ozanam is to our culture. I am very proud to know the alumni that are now in charge of the development of our youth through the services offered by Ozanam.*
- Q. What advice can you give youth currently involved with Ozanam?
A. *Take advantage of the experience. There are very knowledgeable and influential instructors within the program. With economic cutbacks, it is very important to keep programs like Ozanam thriving within our community.*
- Q. What should the community know about Ozanam?
A. *Ozanam has not only produced great Pittsburgh athletes, but it has developed some exceptional members of society. The educational & athletic programs helped to propel us forward into our careers.*
- Q. How would you describe Ozanam to someone unfamiliar with its purpose?
A. *The purpose of Ozanam, in my opinion, is to help educate today's youth through academics & athletics to become successful members of society. I am very thankful of the experience that I gained through attending Ozanam.*

Pittsburgh Basketball Club/Ozanam All Star Show Case



OZANAM team



PBC team



LEGENDS

BOARD MEMBER FEATURE: *With Howard Bullard*

- Q. How Long Have You Been A Part Of Ozanam?
A. *I began working at Ozanam during the summer of 1983*
- Q. Ozanam Spans Four- Decades, How Have You Seen Ozanam Transform?
A. *I was involved with the daycare portion of the program providing athletic activities for students ranging in ages 7-15. We took the kids swimming, movies, and picnics during the afternoon hours. The basketball league started in the evening for the high school basketball players and that was the extent of my involvement for 10 summers*
- Q. How Do You See Ozanam As A “Game Changer?”
A. *I see Ozanam really focus on providing academic tutoring and life altering counseling for students who may increase the possibility of finding themselves having difficulty in their respective neighborhoods and in school. Ozanam provides an outlet for students and families to make a tremendous difference*
- Q. What Is Your Role With Ozanam Today?
A. *I am one of the Board of Directors who is partly responsible for making decisions that impact the programs at Ozanam*
- Q. How Will You Maximize Your Position As A Board Member?
A. *By staying in contact and attend all of the meetings and major functions of Ozanam*
- Q. What Are Memories That Resonate With You About Your Ozanam Experience?
A. *I was fortunate to reconnect with former students when I was the Principal at Schenley High School. Student graduated from college and became productive citizens and watching them grow and participate in the programs provided at Ozanam helped to lay that foundation*

- Q. How Important Is The Culture Of Ozanam To A Community in Today’s Climate?
A. *The culture of the community and the culture of Ozanam go hand in hand. I cant imagine each one without the other. The participation of the community members and the support that Ozanam provides is the life blood of a strong community and I believe that is the reason why Ozanam remains to this present day*
- Q. How Unique Do You Consider A Board Made Up Of Ozanam Alumni?
A. *It is imperative to have board members made from Ozanam Alumni because of their knowledge and history of the community and the students who attend or attended the programs. People will always be a part of Ozanam if you came to volunteer or have fun playing basketball*
- Q. How Does Ozanam Differ From The Ozanam Of Yesterday?
A. *Indoor activities seem to be more prevalent. Not better or worse but different.*
- Q. What Sets Ozanam Apart From Other Programs In Pittsburgh And Nationwide?
A. *The people who are dedicated to make a true difference in the lives of our youth to continue to improve and make the community strong*
- Q. How Important Are Ozanam Alumni?
A. *Ozanam alumni bring familiarity, consistency, respect and a sense of pride to offer everyone we work with*
- Q. What Does The Community Need To Know About Ozanam?
A. *People need to know that Ozanam has and will continue to support the needs of the students and the community for decades to come. Ozanam needs the support of the parents/guardians to help refer their sons/daughters receive all Ozanam has to offer*
- Q. What Message Do You Carry About Ozanam?
A. *The message that I carry about Ozanam is one many accolades of success that hundreds of young men and women have received for years from dedicated staff who spend hours of their time mentoring, educating and counseling the youth in the Hill District*

African American Facts:

Two times Oscar winner Denzel Washington is bringing “Fences”, Pittsburgh native August Wilson’s play, home to Pittsburgh. Mr. Washington will produce 10 of Mr. Wilson’s play for HBO over the next decade. Mr. Washington will direct, produce, and act in ‘Fences’ along with famed actress Viola Davis.

Before there was Rosa Parks, there was Claudette Colvin. March 2, 1955 Claudette then a 15 year-old school girl refused to move to the back of the bus, nine months before Rosa Parks’ stand launched the Montgomery boycott.

The first licensed African American Female pilot was Bessie Coleman. She was born and grew up in harsh poverty, segregation, and discrimination in Atlanta, Texas. She moved to Chicago at 23 to make a better life. It was the wild tales of flying exploits from returning WWII soldiers that inspired her to explore aviation. Despite the double-stigma of being African American and a woman, in June of 1921 she earned her international pilots license.

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Ozanam Facts:

- History of Ozanam begins in 1969.
- Ozanam is committed to making a difference in the lives of the youth served and to enhance and enrich the quality of their lives.
- The Ozanam Youth Basketball Leadership (OYBL) Conference, one of many signature programs, is held late May.

Nutritional Facts

- Hydration prevents headaches, crankiness, and fatigue.
- The world’s most popular fruit is the tomato.
- Green-Yellow-Orange vegetables are rich in sources of calcium, magnesium, potassium, vitamin, C, A, & K.