Caltech Y Model for Student Engagement and Outcomes

Y programs are not only fun ways to promote positive social interactions and friendships, but also offer out-of-the-classroom opportunities for learning, gaining perspective, leading balanced and healthy lives, and, dramatically, build student leaders with a bias toward action. In essence, students who are motivated to act and make a positive difference. The possibilities are endless.

ADVENTURE

By the end of my freshman year, the Caltech Y recruited me to join the Backpacking Trip. I was from Texas. I'd never been backpacking in my life. Thanks to the Caltech Y leaders – I was hooked! By the end of the summer I was leading the Y Hike, and heading up the new Caltech Y Outdoors Committee the next year.

– Katie Homann, BS 2004, ER Physician

PERSPECTIVE

Going into our Hurricane Harvey clean-up trip to Texas and seeing people in the organization we volunteered with devoting their lives to helping those affected by natural disasters has motivated me to seek a career path with the same purposefulness.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then an experience is worth a million.

– Noelle Davis, BS 2020

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The Caltech Y provided us with a window to society—not always just in our country— and a way to deal with global social changes. – Lee Silver, PhD '55, Geology Faculty Emeritus, Instructor to the Apollo Crews

LEADERSHIP

I started out overwhelmed by the sheer magnitude of the Y’s programming and the amount of work expected of me. My confidence grew with every activity I led, every stranger I made a friend, and every student I introduced to the Y. I have become a leader. I have discovered my voice. And I have found a family.

– June Wicks, BS 2006, ExComm President, Assistant Professor at Johns Hopkins University

SERVICE

My son was very fortunate to have been in the Y. He enjoyed serving and making people smile. The Caltech Y has encouraged him to be more outgoing and adventurous, and to take pride in his own accomplishments. He has a new appreciation for the balance between work and life. He has made new friends, and he has seen the impact of his actions.

– Liz Shon, Rise Program Parent

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