

Testimonials:

"This [MPI] was the most outstanding student engagement I've seen in my 34 years of public school service." -Dov R. (H.S. Superintendent)

"Participating in this project has made me realize that it's possible for me to do all kinds of things I'd never thought of before." -Chris M. (Student)

"We're not so far apart. Only these young people have more freedom than we did" -Lillian T. (Sr. Participant)



"Before this, I thought all seniors besides my Grandma were cranky!! I had an age stereotype." -Edward G. (student)

"What is interesting to me is how different the students all are. This group is full of very good listeners. You become strong in the person you are by talking & listening." -Rose Marie R. (Sr. Participant)

*"What a joy it has been to work with MAA!"
Mary Ann M. (Director—NYCDOE)*

Participation and Support

If you would like to be an MAA intergenerational volunteer in any of our programs OR would like to donate computer hardware, books, art supplies, gift certificates, or other materials, contact:

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If you, or your company/foundation, would like to help defray program costs, tax deductible financial contributions are also welcomed. Please make checks payable to:

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"Using the Arts to Reveal our Humanity"

The **Intergenerational Programs** of the **Millennium Art Academy**
An Award-Winning NYCDOE High School

Bringing Elders & Students Together For Mutual Benefit Since 2003



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Mission/History

Founding MAA principal, Maxine Nodel, discovered the power of intergenerational education in the mid 1990's when she coordinated an Intergenerational Work Study Program in a high school for 'at-risk' teens in Queens, NY. The life-changing events that Ms. Nodel witnessed for both students and elders as a direct result of intergenerational exchange inspired her to create a school dedicated to intergenerational education and civic engagement.

Since **Millennium Art Academy** opened in 2003, we have been engaging seniors and teens in mutually beneficial cultural, academic and socially conscious programs that have been proven to greatly enhance the quality of life for both elders and students.

Benefits for Students:

- Improves behavior, attitude, and daily attendance by building respect for self and others
- Builds the confidence students need in order to accumulate credits, get promoted, graduate and go onto college or career training
- Exposes students to various careers in gerontology through career internship programs
- Provides students with work and community service experience
- Helps students in becoming socially conscious citizens.

Benefits for Seniors:

- Lessens loneliness and depression by providing elders with a sense of routine and purpose
- May possibly, as indicated by preliminary studies, delay the onset of Alzheimer's
- Allow seniors to share their expertise and wisdom with others for the purpose of improving the lives of children and bettering our society.

MAA Intergenerational Programs

Millennium Pearl Initiative (MPI)

A year-long oral history program in which seniors participate in a special humanities class that meets weekly at our school and share their life stories with our students. The program is co-taught by an MAA art teacher and visiting artist from ESTA. Together participants produce various types of projects for publication, exhibition, and celebration.

Intergenerational Work Study Program (IWSP)

Students work, and volunteer, in nursing homes throughout the Bronx as part of the DFTA program. Students earn a wage while learning responsibility, a career, and compassion for members of another generation.

Young Gerontologists Program (YGCP)

Health and career-minded students shadow gerontology professionals in the fields of nursing, physical therapy, social work, recreational therapy and more. This is a DFTA program.



Gardening, Sewing and Other Clubs

After-school enrichment clubs where seniors share their experiences and expertise with students

Student-Led Saturday Technology Classes

Student-led technology classes for seniors wishing to learn basic computer technology

Seniors Speaker Bureau

Program where seniors visit classes throughout the year and enrich the various curricula by sharing their wisdom and experiences with students

Senior Reading and Homework Helper

After-school academic support programs led by senior volunteers .

MAA In The News!

ABC Evening News With Art McFarland
(June 2007) - *An Education Special*

CBS Evening News Special (June 2005)

The New York Times (January 2005)

The Daily News (October 2004)

The Bronx Times (September 2003)



Awards & Presentations

- MAA Intergenerational programs visited by Japanese school officials in May 2007 for the purpose of program duplication in Japan
- MAA invited to present at the *United Nations' Intergenerational Conference* on global intergenerational education (March 2007)
- MAA invited to present at the Annual *American Society of Aging* conference in Chicago (December 2006)
- *Robert F. Wagner, Jr. Award* for intergenerational work (June 2003)

