



## Navient Foundation supports the YMCA of Delaware summer camp programs

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WILMINGTON, Del., June 04, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Delaware children will continue to learn and explore throughout the summer with the YMCA of Delaware statewide summer camp program. The Navient Foundation, the company-sponsored philanthropic fund, donated \$6,000 to provide financial assistance to help more children attend camp this summer.

"We are grateful for Navient Foundation's continuous support of our youth development programs including summer camp," said Deborah Bagatta-Bowles, president and CEO, YMCA of Delaware. "Their support helps our mission of remaining open to all, regardless of ability to pay. A positive summer experience is vital to each child's future, and we are very grateful for community partners like Navient, who also recognize this experience is crucial for all children."

This summer, more than 3,000 students will engage in positive youth development opportunities at eight summer day camps throughout the First State. Participants are socially and physically active, participate in daily literacy activities and are provided with a free and healthy lunch.

"The YMCA of Delaware summer camp programs help students explore their potential while giving them the tools to resist summer learning loss," said Patricia Nash Christel, vice president, Navient. "We're delighted to help give more students the opportunity to have a fun learning experience this summer."

Last summer, 1 in 3 children relied on financial assistance to attend the YMCA of Delaware's summer camp programs. The nonprofit also ensured that students who struggle with food security received nutritious meals and snacks every day during the summer months. In 2017, 19,419 meals and 38,134 snacks were served to students.

The summer camps begin June 11 through August 24 or the first week of school. For more information about the YMCA of Delaware summer camp programs visit [www.ymcade.org/summerdaycamp/](http://www.ymcade.org/summerdaycamp/)

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