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PENNSYLVANIA STATE ALLIANCE OF YMCAS NAMES NEW CEO

The Pennsylvania State Alliance of YMCAs is pleased to announce that Nathan Brant, CEO of South Mountain YMCA Camps, has been selected to serve as the next CEO of the Alliance, effective January 1, 2023. The Alliance Executive Committee embarked upon a search led by YMCA of the USA for the next Alliance CEO following the announcement of the retirement of their current CEO, Allen Childs.

Nathan Brant has served the South Mountain YMCA Camps, located in Berks County, PA, for 13 years as its CEO. Under Brant's leadership, 16 buildings and program spaces across the mountain were renovated or replaced, program quality improved and Praesidium Accreditation in child protection standards was earned in September of this year. Additionally, more than \$600,000 in funding was secured in 2022 to complete phase 2 of the camp dining hall project with construction beginning next year.

As Brant steps into his new role, he will bring the same focused energy that led to his success at South Mountain YMCA Camps to the strategic development and alignment of YMCAs across the state. "The PA Alliance Board, made up of every YMCA CEO/executive director in the state, welcomes Nathan to his new role," commented Zane Moore, chair of the PA Alliance Board and president/CEO of YMCA of Bucks and Hunterdon Counties. "We look forward to continued collaboration and growth of the Y mission over the years to come."

In February 2019, Allen Childs was appointed as the Alliance's first CEO, taking on the responsibility of delivering services such as board governance, strategic and capital planning and development to 57 YMCAs across the state. He led successful efforts to expand collaboration and shared learning, achieve a stronger voice in public policy across the Commonwealth, and pursued key strategic priorities in child care, child protection and YMCA sustainability through the COVID pandemic.

Under Childs' leadership, the Alliance added the services of lobbying firm Milliron & Goodman, established a 501c3 entity in addition to a 501c4, and developed a management service organization to capitalize on shared services for all PA YMCAs as they seek efficiency and sustainability following the pandemic.

"Allen was a guiding light for Ys across Pennsylvania as we faced challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic," commented Moore. "The Alliance Executive Committee appreciates his tremendous contributions to the Y movement, and I am personally thrilled that he will continue to contribute as the Chief Volunteer Officer for the YMCA of Bucks and Hunterdon Counties board of directors." Childs served as a YMCA of Bucks County board member prior to accepting the PA Alliance CEO position.



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About the Pennsylvania State Alliance of YMCAs

THE PA Y MOVEMENT IS UNIQUE. With 57 ASSOCIATIONS signifying 150 YMCA LOCATIONS throughout Pennsylvania, PA Ys have the presence and partnerships to not just promise, but to deliver positive change.

THE PA Y MOVEMENT IS COMMUNITY CENTERED. For over 164 YEARS, they have been listening and responding to the changing needs of communities in Pennsylvania.

THE PA Y MOVEMENT BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER serving more than 827,647 MEMBERS and an additional 34,530 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS in diverse communities throughout the state. From infants to seniors, the Y connects people of all ages and backgrounds to bridge the gaps in community need.

THE Y NURTURES POTENTIAL believing that everyone should have the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive. Collectively providing \$15M IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, Ys make programs affordable and/or possible for people throughout Pennsylvania.

THE Y HAS LOCAL PRESENCE AND GLOBAL REACH. Ys mobilize their local communities to effect lasting and meaningful change by education and training through innovative programs.

THE Y BUILDS PEOPLE. Collectively, YMCA staff, along with 216,621 VOLUNTEERS, are united by a deep commitment to strengthening their communities.

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