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IT'S A KNOCKOUT: DAVID YASSKY, 826NYC AND GLEASON'S GYM ANNOUNCE FREE TUTORING PROGRAM FOR STUDENT BOXERS

Joined by 826NYC Executive Director Scott Seeley and Education Director Joan Kim, Gleason's Gym owner Bruce Silverglade, famed boxers Yuri Foreman and Iran Barkley, and Brooklyn students, Council Member David Yassky today announced the creation of "Free Drop-In Homework Help," a program that will provide free tutoring services for Brooklyn students who train at Gleason's Gym.

"This joint venture is exactly the type of program we need to keep our kids engaged and on the path to educational success," Council Member David Yassky said. "The students who train at Gleason's are already focused and involved in the extra-curricular activities that we should be encouraging. This is a great example of how we can all work together as a community to help keep students focused on their responsibilities in the classroom."

"826NYC is always looking for different ways to partner with other like-minded people and organizations within the Brooklyn community," said 826NYC Executive Director Scott Seeley. "When David Yassky's office contacted us about working with Gleason's "Give a Kid a Dream" program, we were thrilled. We look forward to bringing our mission and programs to students in Dumbo and the surrounding neighborhoods."

"The tutoring program is the most exciting thing that has happened at Gleason's in many years," Gleason's Gym owner Bruce Silverglade said. "It is important that all of our fighters stay in school and continue their education- everyone in the gym, including our seven current and former champions support this program."

Through the program, every Tuesday and Thursday, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, 826NYC will offer free drop-in homework help at Gleason's Gym. Tutors will be available and ready to assist with homework, writing assignments, creative writing, and publishing projects.

No pre-registration is necessary- students may drop in to receive 10 minutes to 2 full hours of one-on-one homework help.

826NYC was founded by David Eggers, and is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting students ages 6-18 with their creative and expository writing skills. The organization's services are structured around the belief that great leaps in learning can happen with one-on-one attention and that strong writing skills are fundamental to future success. With this in mind, they provide drop-in tutoring, field trips, after-school workshops, in-schools tutoring, help for English language learners, and assistance with student publications.

For more information about the program, please contact Scott Seeley at (718)-499-9884

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