

Interview with Bridget Roseman
Chair, Young Partners In Excellence (yPIE)



Q: What is yPIE?

A: yPIE is the young professionals component of Partners In Excellence. We offer service, social, and networking events for young professionals in their 20's and 30's living or working in downtown Baltimore, with the goal of supporting our inner-city Catholic schools, and developing a strong cohort of young Catholics in the area.

Q: Why and how did you get involved?

A: My dad (Tom Kurowski) is the Chair of the PIE Board and one year he took me on a tour of Archbishop Borders where I got to meet some of the PIE students. They were bright, enthusiastic, kind students and it was inspiring to hear them speak of the positive impact the school had on their lives. A few years later my Dad mentioned that PIE was looking to start a young professionals component, and I knew right away I wanted to get involved because of that one experience.

Q: What is the mission of yPIE?

A: To create a tight-knit community of young Catholics in the Baltimore area who have fun together and who serve and support our Catholic schools.

Q: How has the program developed in the past year?

A: We've created working relationships at each of the four PIE schools and various parishes downtown. We hosted seven events this year, and we have had new faces at each of our events throughout the year.

Q: What was your most successful event of 2014?

A: In August, yPIE attended an Orioles game together. It was a great turnout – we had about 45 young professionals attend – and we all met up for happy hour before the game at Pratt Street Alehouse. Another fun event was a wine education and tasting event in December

hosted at the Maryvale castle. We tasted five different wines while reviewing and learning about a local restaurant's wine list. We're hoping to do both of those events in 2015.

Q: What are some of yPIE's goals for the future?

A: To expand our membership, and by doing so, have a larger impact on the Catholic schools.

Q: How would someone find out more about yPIE, including how to join?

A: *People can check out our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/YPIE410). If they 'like' it, they will see announcements about upcoming events. People can also e-mail us at ypie410@gmail.com. To join yPIE, all you need to do is show up to an event!*