



**Name:** Austin Mangum

**Where did you grow up?** Maplewood, NJ

**What do you do at the South Mountain YMCA?** 6 years experience as a camp counselor going into first year as a recreational games specialist.

**Why work for the Y?** Passion

**What has the most satisfying moment you've had working at the Y?**  
Watching the kids grow and reach their full potential

**What's the best kept secret of the YMCA?** SOMAPY is the best camp!

**What's your idea of a perfect Saturday?** .Relaxing with friends getting ready for the next week of camp

**What talent you would most like to have?** Playing the piano

**What hobbies do you enjoy outside of work?** Working out and seeing friends

**If you could meet a celebrity, who would it be?** Barack Obama



**Name:** Julia Curtis

**Where did you grow up?** East Orange, NJ

**Years of Experience working at the South Mountain YMCA?** 4 years;  
First year as a performing arts specialist

**Why work for the Y?** Great place where you learn a lot about yourself and other people in the community.

**What has the most satisfying moment you've had working at the Y?**  
Making a positive difference and watching them blossom.

**What's the best kept secret of the YMCA?** We are not just good babysitters. We take pride in our mission of youth development.

**What's your idea of a perfect Saturday?** .Relaxing with friends getting ready for the next week of camp

**What talent you would most like to have?** Super strength

**What hobbies do you enjoy outside of work?** Reading and running

**If you could meet a celebrity, who would it be?** Michelle Obama



**Name:** Aaron Astor "Coach Aaron"

**Where did you grow up?** Maplewood, NJ

**Years of Experience working at the South Mountain YMCA?** Rookie; First year as a tennis and soccer specialist. Has taught tennis for over two decades.

**Why work for the Y?** Great place where you learn a lot about yourself and other people in the community.

**What's your idea of a perfect Saturday?** Playing tennis in the morning followed by taking a long nap after watching the tennis channel.

**What talent you would most like to have?** Acting

**What hobbies do you enjoy outside of work?** Watching Netflix

**If you could meet a celebrity, who would it be?** Roger Federer



**Name:** Zaneeyah Shaheed

**Where did you grow up?** Orange,NJ

**What do you do at Camp? Years of Experience working at the South Mountain YMCA?** Recreation specialist; 2 years

**Why work for the Y?** Great place to make a positive impact. Mom and grandmother work for the Y. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

**What has the most satisfying moment you've had working at the Y?** Making a campers smile.

**What's your idea of a perfect Saturday?** Sleeping in late relaxing in bed

**What talent you would most like to have?** Singing

**What hobbies do you enjoy outside of work?** Working out, eating healthy, and attending plays.

**If you could meet a celebrity, who would it be?** LaLa Anthony, I love her fashion sense.



**Name:** Ryanna Brown

**Where did you grow up?** Newark/West Orange,NJ

**Years of Experience working at the South Mountain YMCA?** 3 years;This will be my first year as a Science specialist

**Why work for the Y?** Send a good message so they can become great adults.

**What has the most satisfying moment you've had working at the Y?**  
When the campers say they enjoy coming to camp each day.

**What's the best kept secret of the YMCA?** The spirit of all the counselors and camp leaders.

**What's your idea of a perfect Saturday?** Sunny days filled with laughter being around loved ones.

**What talent you would most like to have?** Artist

**What hobbies do you enjoy outside of work?**Reading

**If you could meet a celebrity, who would it be?** Issa Rae because I'm inspired by her story and her positivity.



**Name:** Helena Jones

**Where did you grow up?** East Orange/Maplewood, NJ

**Years of Experience working at the South Mountain YMCA?** 5 years; This will be my first year as a Sports specialist

**Why work for the Y?** Good opportunity to help out the youth

**What has the most satisfying moment you've had working at the Y?** Teaching campers to swim and seeing their excitement when they move up to a new swim level.

**What's your idea of a perfect Saturday?** Relaxing at the beach and eating delicious food

**What talent you would most like to have?** To be able to do a backflip

**What hobbies do you enjoy outside of work?** Cooking

**If you could meet a celebrity, who would it be?** Beyonce; wanna nurture, care, and love everyone.



**Name:** Sensei Carmen

**Where did you grow up?** Maplewood, NJ

**What do you do at the South Mountain YMCA?** Karate instructor for pre-k and school age children

**What has the most satisfying moment you've had working at the Y?** Seeing the confidence in a child grow.

**What's the best kept secret of the YMCA?** No one is ever turned away

**What's your idea of a perfect Saturday?** Walking on the beach

**What talent you would most like to have?** Singing and dancing