



# Youth In Policing Initiative: Empowering the Future of Peel

Celebrating Growth, Leadership, and Community Impact

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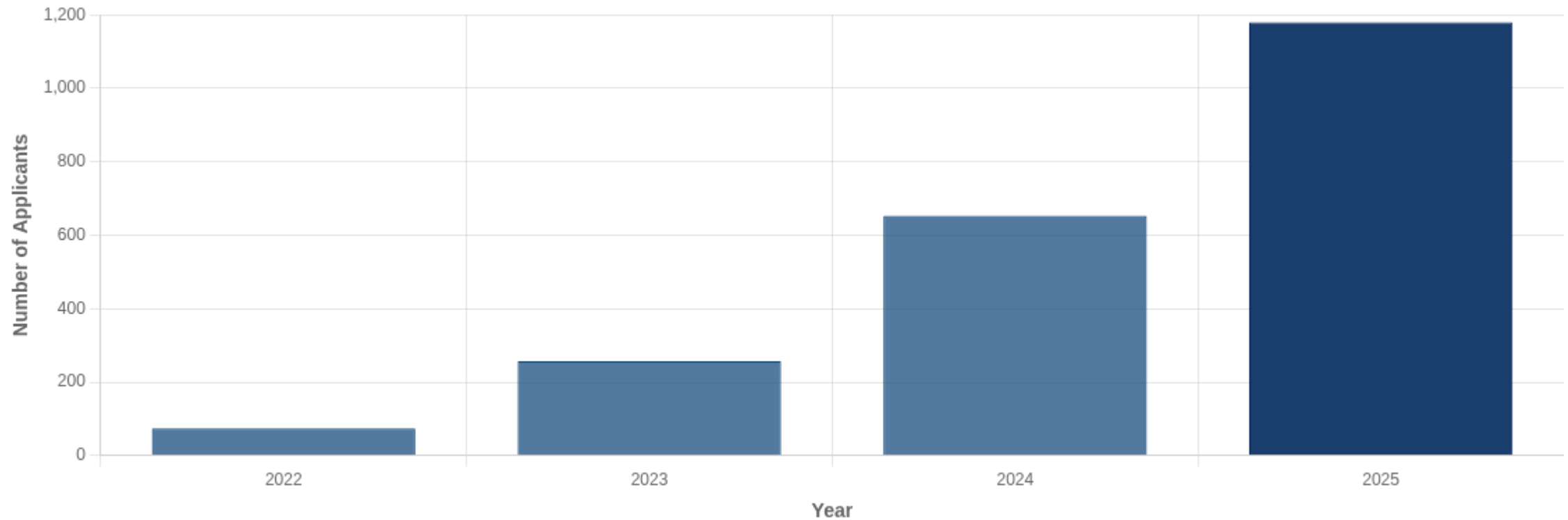
Special Guest – Former YIPI Student

# Why YIPI Matters



- ❖ Positive youth engagement
- ❖ Summer employment
- ❖ Leadership development
- ❖ Career exploration
- ❖ Post-secondary pathways

# YIPI Application Growth 2022–2025



# YIPI Class 2025



# 2025 Highlights – A Summer to Remember



## Marine Unit Ride

Experience on Lake Ontario 🚤



## Forensics at Sheridan

Private Security training



## TAC & K9 Units

Hands-on experiences 🐾



## Road Safety

Motorcycle ride-alongs 🏍️



## Tours

Division and Bureau visits



## Physical Training

Drill, fitness and public speaking 💬



## Community Days

Regeneration and HCH outreach ❤️



## Team Leaders

Mentorship and leadership 🤝

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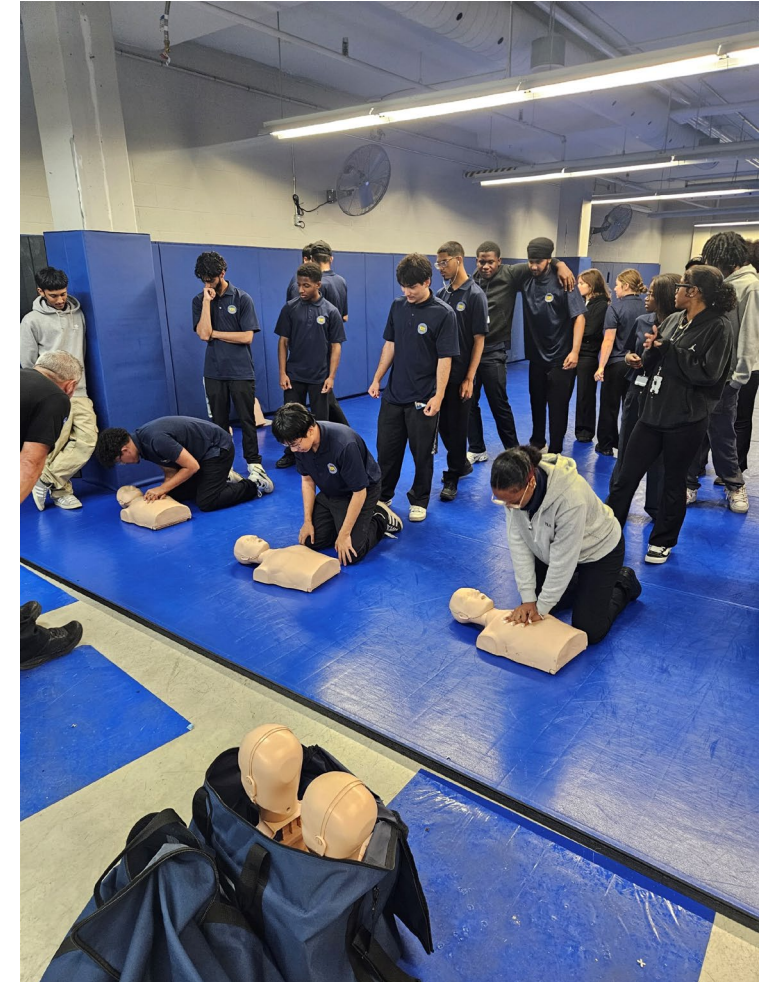


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# The Human Behind the Badge

- Breaking down barriers between youth and police.
- Building trust through shared experiences and mentorship.
- Ripple effect of connection and growth for both youth and officers.



# The Results Speak for Themselves

- ✓ 100% Completion Rate
- ✓ 16 Powerful Testimonials (2024)
- ✓ Post Secondary Security and Forensics credits
- ✓ Leadership succession through Team Leader roles
- ✓ Lifelong friendships and memories



# Sarah Chen



- **YIPI Class of 2024**
- **Volunteer Team Leader 2025**

# My YIPI Journey – Sarah Chen

Sarah is starting her first year at the University of Waterloo this fall, pursuing psychology. She participated in Peel Regional Police's Youth in Policing Initiative (YIPI) in 2024, and returned this summer as a volunteer team lead to help support the program.

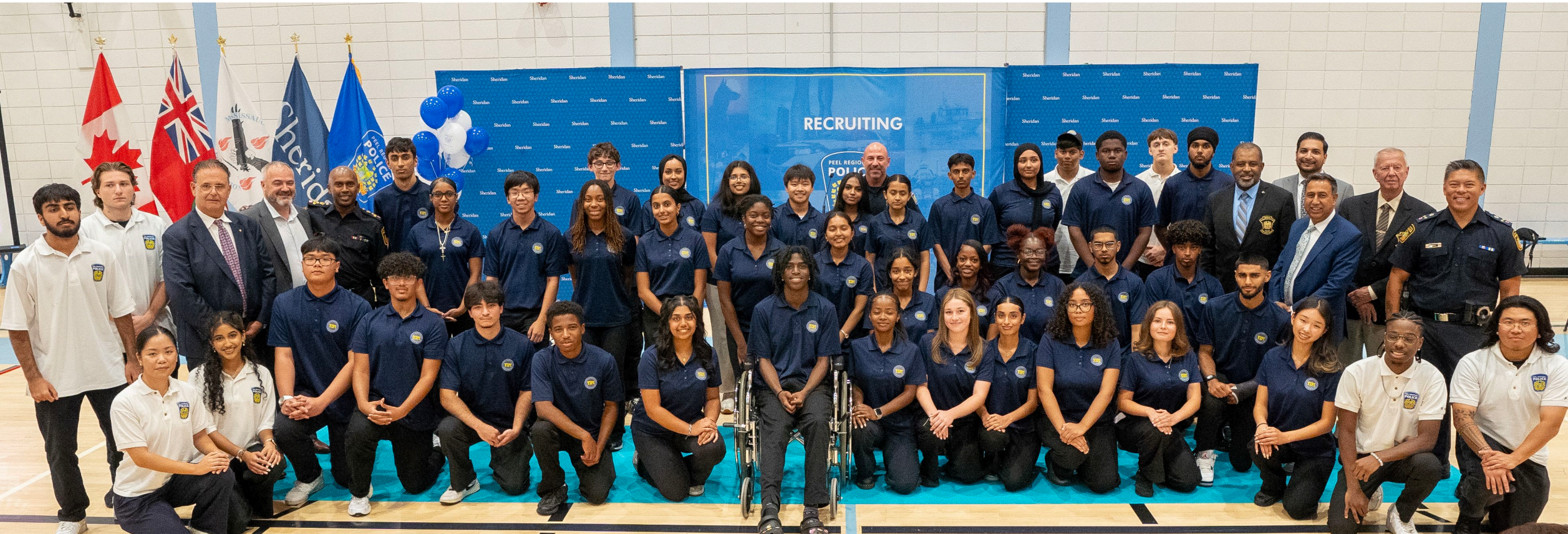
Through YIPI, Sarah gained valuable experiences and developed a strong interest in community engagement and public service. She hopes to pursue a future career in policing, continuing to build on the skills and confidence the program helped her develop. She enjoys doing Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and drawing.

# Looking Back at 2025

- 35 youth + 10 Volunteer Team Leaders
- 8-week program
- Continued partnership with Sheridan College
- Expansion of credentials and certifications
- Building the leaders of tomorrow



# YIPI Graduating Class of 2025



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# Thank You – Questions?



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