

# NCC Presents Member of “The Exonerated Five”

Criminal justice advocate, Yusef Salaam, will be delivering the keynote address for the upcoming 2025 Annual Humanities lecture at the college in April.

By NCC

BETHLEHEM, PA -Member of “The Exonerated Five,” Dr. Yusef Salaam, will be the keynote speaker for Northampton Community College’s (NCC) Annual Humanities Program this upcoming April 2025. The live event will take place on April 15, 2025, at 7 p.m. The event is free and is open to the public. To reserve tickets, visit [Northampton.edu/NCCKeynote2025](http://Northampton.edu/NCCKeynote2025).

Through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and matching gifts from generous donors, NCC established an endowment for the humanities in 2009. Each year, the endowment funds an

□ f, and our surrounding communities. NCC’s Annual Humanities theme for 2024-2025, Stories That Shape Us: Turn the Page, Connect, Engage!, explores cultural narratives that shape our understanding of the world. The keynote address will be facilitated by Psychology Professor, Megan Nocek.

On April 19, 1989, a young woman was raped and left for dead in New York City’s Central Park. That same year, a fifteen-year-old Salaam was tried and convicted in the case along with four other Black and Latino young men. They were referred to as a “The Central Park Five,” but are now referred to as “The Exonerated Five.” Convicted of a crime he did not commit, nearly 7 years into his sentence in 2002, Salaam’s case was overturned. He was set free after unidentified DNA was found to be from a convicted murderer and serial rapist, who then confessed to the crime.

Salaam’s life was forever changed by this experience, and since his release he has advocated for criminal justice and prison reform, racial justice, the abolition of juvenile solitary confinement and capital punishment, and more. Salaam was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in 2014 and received the President’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016 from President Barack Obama.

Salaam was appointed to the board of the Innocence Project and, in 2019, released the Netflix series, When They See Us, based on the true story of the “Central Park Five.” In 2021, he released his memoir, Better, Not Bitter: Living on Purpose in the Pursuit of Racial Justice, detailing his journey where in the face of injustice, Salaam found hope. He currently serves as a member of New York City’s 9th City Council District, bringing his experiences with the criminal justice system to help make impactful change within the government.

## Pen Argyl Area School District Looking For Head Girls Soccer Coach

By Timothy J. Egan / PAHS Athletic Director

**PEN ARGYL - BRIEF JOB DESCRIPTION:** To provide instruction regarding the knowledge and skills involved in the participation of students in girls soccer. To provide the necessary supervision/direction for the participating students, both individually and as a group.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Should possess the knowledge and skills with which to coach Girls Soccer.

Should possess the ability with which to safely direct/supervise a program of this kind.

**SALARY:** Depending upon years of experience

**APPLY IN WRITING TO:** Mr. Tim Egan, Athletic Director

Pen Argyl Area High School

501 W. Laurel Avenue

Pen Argyl, PA 18072

Telephone: (610) 863-1293

Email: [Egan.tim@penargylsd.org](mailto:Egan.tim@penargylsd.org)

**APPLICATIONS DUE** February 28, 2025

**ON OR BEFORE:**

**THE PEN ARGYL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE**

**BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, HANDICAP, AGE, RELIGION OR MARITAL STATUS.**

Coaching Applicant, Pen Argyl Area School District requires any coaching applicant to submit the following paperwork and clearances prior to be considered for any coaching position. Applicants should understand that associated costs are their responsibility and will not be reimbursed by the district.

o Submit :

o Letter of Interest

o Resume including Education, Coaching experience and References

o Act 24 Clearance:

o <https://www.education.pa.gov/Documents/TeachersAdministrators/Background%20Checks/Arrest%20or%20Conviction%20form.pdf>

o Act 34 PA Criminal Clearance (\$22): Pennsylvania Access To Criminal History - Home ([pa.gov](http://pa.gov))

o Act 151 PA Childline Clearance (\$10):

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>

o Act 114: FBI Federal Criminal History Clearance w/Fingerprint; Act 114 (cost of \$27.50

is the responsibility of the applicant/register online, then go to fingerprinting site)

o <https://uenroll.identogo.com>

o enter service code 1KG6XN

o Act 168 PA Sexual Misconduct Disclosure Form for all applicable employment:

o Form: <https://www.aimpa.org/uploaded/pdfs/Act168Disclosure.pdf>

o Instructions: <http://www.education.pa.gov/Documents/Codes%20and%20Regulations/Basic%20Education%20Circulars/Purdons%20Statutes/Act%20168%20-%20FAQs.pdf>

o Negative TB Test Results (See Your Dr. for Fee)

o PIAA Approved Fundamentals of Coaching Certificate ([NFHSLearn.org](http://NFHSLearn.org))

o PIAA Approved First Aid Certificate ([NFHSLearn.org](http://NFHSLearn.org))

o Cardiac, Concussion, Allergy, Suicide, Recognizing Child Abuse ([NFHSLearn.org](http://NFHSLearn.org))

All information should be submitted to: Mr. Tim Egan, Athletic Director, Pen Argyl Area School District, 501 West Laurel Avenue, Pen Argyl, PA 18072.

