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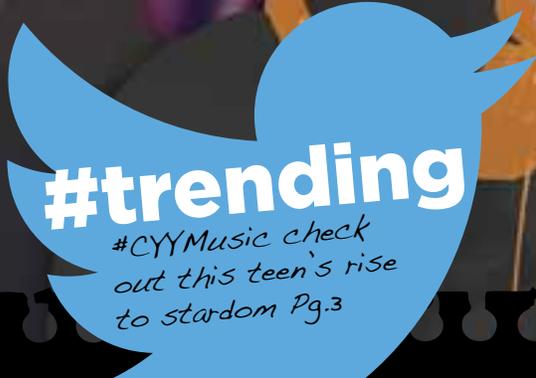
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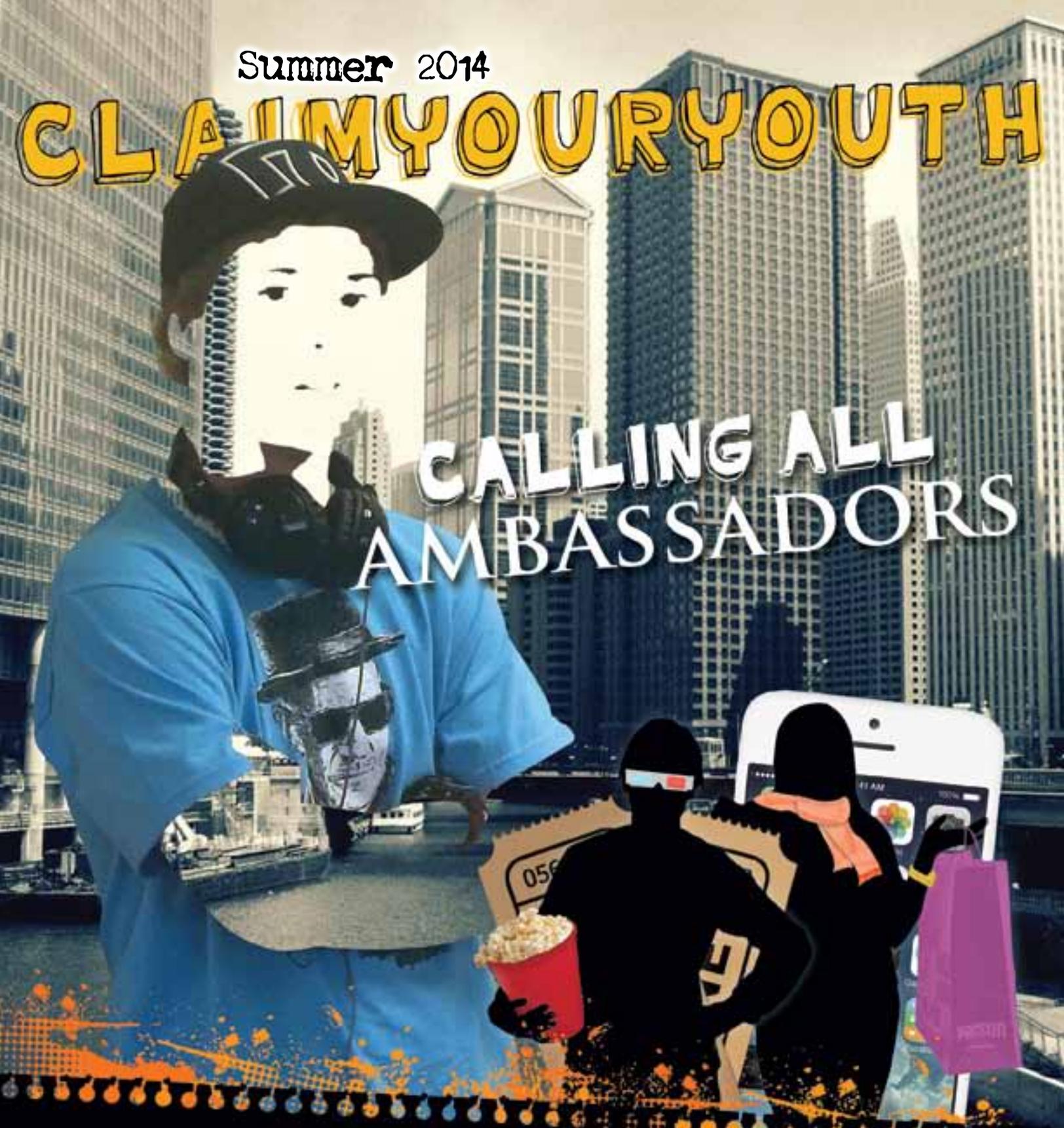
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## CALLING ALL AMBASSADORS



Do you have  
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# pay it forward

DO A GOOD DEED

HELP SOMEONE IN NEED

All my life I've been fortunate enough to always have access to food, new clothes, and seemingly menial things like clean water and education. I gave my time, gently used clothes, and food directly back to my community and will continue to do so the rest of my life.

~ Destinee

I am a high school student that will be graduating this year and I will come back and help the people in need the way they helped me. These years I have went back to my community by going out and doing community hours in those events that I attended while I was a child. I like seeing those smiles on those little kids when they received free backpacks at the Lipman event, those free presents on Christmas and that great food on thanksgiving. I am glad to say I spent my free time doing things that put a smile on other kids' faces the way other people did for me when I was a child.

~ Erika

I have sponsored him [a child overseas] for almost a year now. I love getting all his letters and drawings in the mail. Each month I send him the highest amount of money allowed - \$30. For his 6th birthday, I sent him money to get a brand new soccer ball since that's his favorite sport. I hope that by helping him, he will grow up to help others too.

~Brayleigh

I decided to pay for Kate's driving lessons. After 'paying it forward', I felt happy and proud that I could help both my parents and my sister.

And now, when she is driving, I feel even prouder and can sit back and absorb the outcome of my gift - except when I experience the occasional abrupt stop!

~Elenore

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PAY IT FORWARD CONTEST!

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## TALYNN -GOES TO- COLLEGE

"Wow, college! What a crazy time it is for me right now, not to mention the thousands of other high school seniors wondering where their future will take them. The choices between colleges, housing, and how to pay for both has been lingering in my mind all school year. What's the most stressful for me is that money

decides where I will go to college. If a certain college will require me to take out a hefty amount of loans, I have to say, 'Well, at least the campus tour will be a nice memory.'

Towards the end of my junior year, I got the feeling I was done after I took the big tests (you know, those dreadful ACT's and SAT's). And yes, plural, because I took them more than once. But, little did I know, the whole process was just beginning.

Like any other incoming freshman, I am worried about how to pay for college. Scholarships can only go so far, and that's if you get a handful of the dozens you applied for. 'Should I invest in stocks? Do I need to take out student loans? If so, how much? Say what, they charge interest!?!' The financial struggle is real.

I am familiar with financial aid, Scholarships, and loans. This year, I have learned the difference between subsidized loans and unsubsidized loans. Subsidized loans do not tack on interest while you're in school; however, unsubsidized loans do—the loan collects interest while you are in school. I have also learned that if I need to take out student loans, I can put that borrowed money in my credit union account that earns interest. In this fashion, I can accumulate the interest on the money in my account and use it to pay the interest of the loans. Yes, there are quick little money saving tips like this out there. The team at Claim Your Youth aims to help you in the financial transition from co-dependence to independence that going to college brings.



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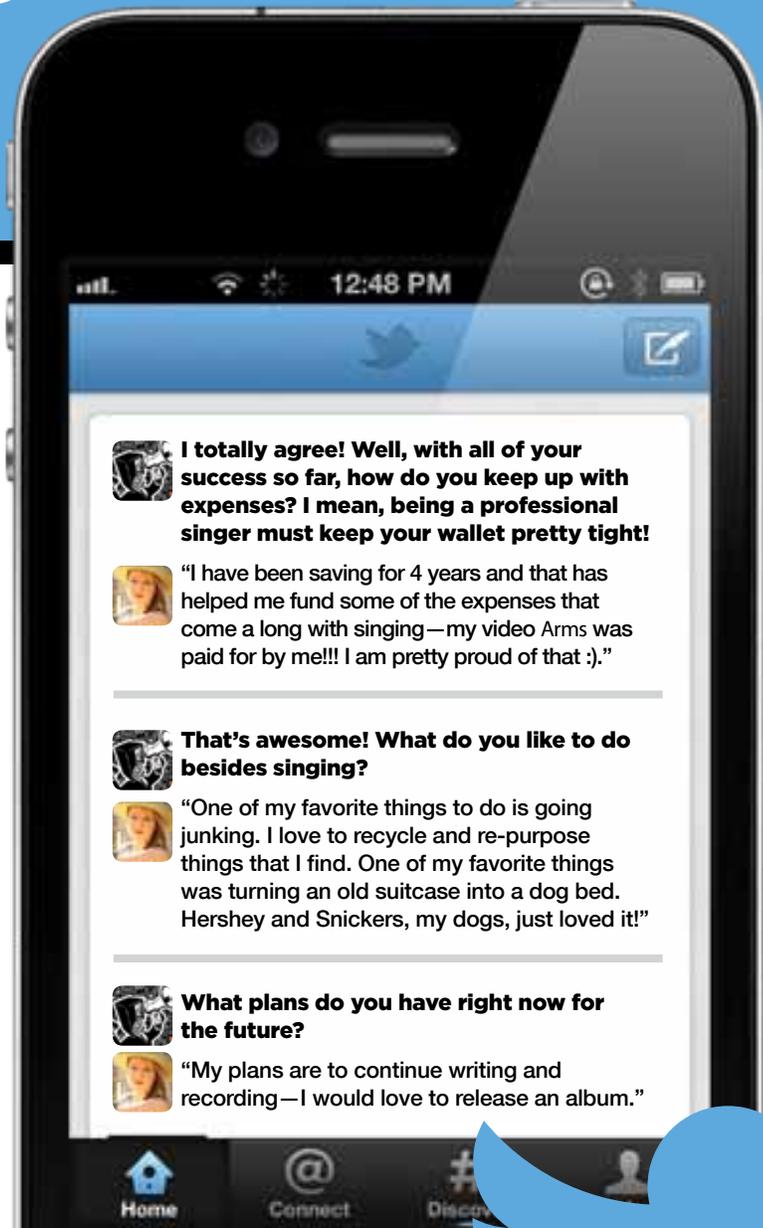
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## #CYYMusic check out this teen's rise to stardom

*Here at Claim Your Youth, we discover a great amount of up-and-coming artists and bands. We'd like to share one with you all. We interviewed Camryn Wilson, a fourteen year old singer who loves to share her gift of music!*



**Camryn, how long have you been singing?**

"I have been singing since I was two years old. Mom said I would rather sing than talk. I have always been very shy and quiet. I kind of kept my singing to myself."



**How did you overcome your shyness in order to perform in front of people?**

"In middle school my mom signed me up for voice lessons. With my family and teachers encouragement, I signed up for a singing competition last August. I was scared to death! I was the youngest competitor there."



**How did that competition turn out for you?**

"I did not win, but even better—I survived! I was able to sing two songs, on stage, in front of an audience and I did not die!!!! Because I had courage to step out of my comfort zone and try, I ended up meeting my music producer who has helped me record covers, shoot videos, and now write my own original songs. I just want kids out there to know that trying can be better than winning!!!!"



**That is an incredible message for sure! What other artists influence your music?**

"Well, I look up to Katy Perry, Demi Lavato, and Taylor Swift. I look up too all of them because they all teach me of how to be myself and I shouldn't care about what everyone else thinks."



**I totally agree! Well, with all of your success so far, how do you keep up with expenses? I mean, being a professional singer must keep your wallet pretty tight!**



"I have been saving for 4 years and that has helped me fund some of the expenses that come a long with singing—my video Arms was paid for by me!!! I am pretty proud of that :)."



**That's awesome! What do you like to do besides singing?**



"One of my favorite things to do is going junking. I love to recycle and re-purpose things that I find. One of my favorite things was turning an old suitcase into a dog bed. Hershey and Snickers, my dogs, just loved it!"



**What plans do you have right now for the future?**



"My plans are to continue writing and recording—I would love to release an album."



You can check out Camryn on Twitter!

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