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Event Planning

Youth reviewed key concepts of event planning, delegation, and organization. They also explored the fundamentals of event planning in detail, covering aspects such as guest count, décor, timing, and the sequence of arrivals and events.



Fashion

Youth learned about the fundamentals of creating a fashion show start to finish. This included choosing their favorite designers, watching their fashion shows and understanding the importance of descriptive language and measurements.

Gaming

Youth explored various roles and jobs within the esports industry and discovered they could earn full-ride college scholarships. They were also informed they would be organizing their own Rocket League tournament.

Media Production

Youth explored audio and video production, actively participated in filming videos, engaging in podcast debates, and conducting mock interviews.

Mental Health / SEL

Youth received an Introduction to Self-Awareness and EQ (Emotional Quotient, also known as Emotional Intelligence). They created ground rules and Self-Management and Regulation with an in-depth conversations about triggers and stressors and how to cope in the moment.



EVENT PLANNING

JULY 1 - 5, 2024

WEEK IN REVIEW



Instructor Nitina began the session by reviewing the key concepts of event planning, delegation, and organization. On the second day, the youth explored the fundamentals of event planning in detail, covering aspects such as guest count, décor, timing, and the sequence of arrivals and events. On the third day, the youth learned how to create a flyer using Canva and presented an event proposal to a group.



LEADER OF THE WEEK

La'Toria Beason

La'Toria Beason is a recent graduate of West High School who is pursuing post secondary education at Columbus State Community College. She is passionate about real estate and enjoys adventurous activities and exploring the city. She chose event planning to expand her horizons and learn organizational skills that will aid her journey in real estate and life in general. La'Toria exemplified leadership this week by fostering collaboration with her team and demonstrating creative input and a drive to learn.



WEEK AHEAD

- 7/8-7/12: Event Planning will be working on creating the invite link to the awards ceremony and coordination with the Media Production Team to collaborate on the theme of the event.

REMINDERS

- Please make sure to bring your notebook to class daily!

FASHION

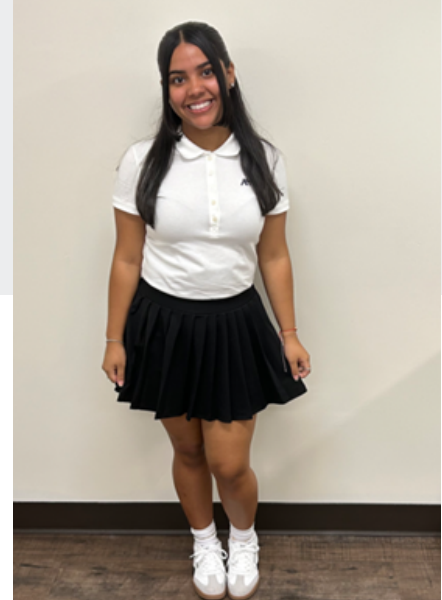
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WEEK IN REVIEW



This week, the youth learned about the fundamentals of creating a fashion show start to finish. This included choosing their favorite designers, watching their fashion shows and understanding the importance of descriptive language and measurements. They were assigned a role to execute the fashion show e.g. Designer or Stylist. They also created a mood board to draw inspiration for their show.

The Fashion cohort host, Gary Jones, seen here teaching the youth how to properly obtain measurements during a fitting.



LEADER OF THE WEEK

Alina Alicea

Alina is a rising senior at West High School. She is fluent in English and Spanish and continues to show a lot of enthusiasm about learning the Fashion Industry. She has chosen the role as production manager for their upcoming fashion show!

INSPIRATION BOARD



The Fashion Cohort created inspiration for their fashion show using images from major fashion publications like GQ magazine. Louis Vuitton was their collective favorite.

WEEK AHEAD

Next week, the youth will be introduced to industry professionals and get first hand knowledge about what it takes to be successful in the fashion industry. They will continue to learn descriptive words and put together a design board to piece together the fashion show.

REMINDERS

- Continue to research and study fashion
- Find a fashion icon to draw inspiration from
- Dress appropriately
- Be on time for class!

GAMING

JULY 1 - 5, 2024

WEEK IN REVIEW



During the first week at Game Arena, the youth participated in icebreakers and team-building activities to get to know one another better. They explored various roles and jobs within the esports industry and discovered that they could earn full-ride college scholarships just for playing video games. After learning about these roles, they were informed that by the end of the program, they would be organizing their own Rocket League tournament, complete with players, coaches, production, and a live stream. The youth also had hands-on gaming experience, playing Rocket League to learn the basics, which resulted in the youth participating in a tournament on Friday, where Jeylani Abdi emerged as the winner.



While learning about competitive Rocket League, youth learned about moves like aerials, dribbling, and wall shots throughout the week in preparation for a major tournament on Friday. Each day was dedicated to perfecting these techniques, mastering the art of aerial maneuvers to swiftly intercept and redirect the ball mid-air, honing dribbling skills to maintain control under pressure, and practicing wall shots for precision strikes from unexpected angles. These practice sessions showed the youth what players and coaches do every day for 8-12 hours. Strategies. Dedication, continuous learning, and a deep understanding of game mechanics are essential to becoming a better Rocket League player.



LEADER OF THE WEEK

Jeylani Abdi

Jeylani Abdi, has been recognized as Leader of the week. Jeylani is a recent graduate of West High School. During the first week at Game Arena, Jeylani quickly distinguished himself by showing up early, taking notes, asking questions and excelling in gaming competitions, displaying an ability to absorb new information. Despite not having played Rocket League in years, Jeylani dedicated himself to practice leading up to the tournament on Friday. These efforts paid off as he came away with an undefeated record of 8-0, showcasing his ability to retain new information, and put it into action.

WEEK AHEAD

Next week, the youth will be at Game Arena to continue learning the intricacies of planning and running an esports tournament. They are acquiring these skills in preparation for organizing their own Rocket League tournament at the programs end.

- 7/8-7/12: 9:00am - 1:00pm

REMINDERS

- Be on time
- Follow Dress Code
- No phones
- Bring a competitive mindset

MEDIA PRODUCTION

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WEEK IN REVIEW



This week, we explored audio and video production. The youth actively participated in filming videos, engaging in podcast debates, and conducting mock interviews. They also practiced taking headshots to prepare for future activities. These skills can be incredibly valuable for their future, enhancing their communication abilities, boosting their confidence in public speaking, and providing them with a foundation for potential careers in media and content creation.



Youth learned firsthand about audio and media production and its importance in today's world. This field involves creating, recording, and editing content for platforms like television, radio, podcasts, and online media. It plays a crucial role in communication, entertainment, and education, shaping how we consume information and stay connected. Skills in media production, such as storytelling, technical proficiency, and creative thinking, are valuable across many industries. As technology evolves, the demand for quality content and skilled media professionals continues to grow, making it integral to modern society. These skills are also transferable to any job.



LEADER OF THE WEEK

Curtis Howell

Curtis, a recent high school graduate from The Charles School at Ohio Dominican, has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills. He is consistently recognized by his site supervisors and media production team for his dedication and proactive approach. Curtis is always engaged, taking notes, asking insightful questions, and seizing every opportunity to gain more practice and experience.

WEEK AHEAD

Youth will arrive at Lead The Way Learning Academy to continue their work experience with Yamo Media from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. They will be taking headshots on July 12th. Additionally, youth will have the opportunity to hear from the Blue Jackets' digital insider, providing them with an inside look at the potential careers in media production.

REMINDERS

- Be on time
- No phones
- Professional Headshots July 12th

MENTAL HEALTH / SEL

JULY 1 - 5, 2024

WEEK IN REVIEW

Participation
Respect each other
Be open minded
Be inclusive
Be engaged
No phones
Pay attention
Be honest
Be kind to each other
Clean up your space
On time + punctual

The first week was reserved for an Introduction to Self-Awareness and EQ (Emotional Quotient, also known as Emotional Intelligence).

Day 1 saw the creation of the group's ground rules (pictured left), agreed upon by everyone in the cohort. They explored what EQ is and how it is experienced in different parts of life.

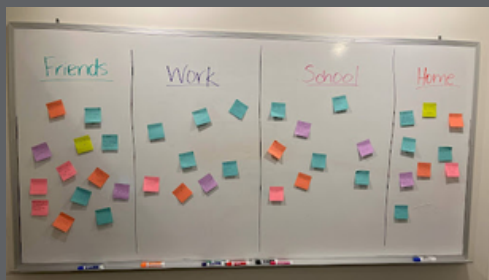
Day 2 involved Self-Management and Regulation with an in-depth conversations about triggers and stressors and how to cope in the moment.



LEADER OF THE WEEK

Saraphine Masafa

Saraphine is an active participant in the cohort and never hesitates to speak up and share her perspective. She is open and honest and willing to recognize areas of improvement for herself not only as a high schooler, but also as a human. She learned the difference between empathy and sympathy and accepts that she tends more toward sympathy. As a result, she plans to practice empathy with intention. She brings levity to the group but also brings a realness that makes her relatable.



Day 3 explored Empathy among Friends, at Work, in School, and in the Home (pictured above).

Everyone enjoyed a day off for July 4th and returned on Friday to focus on EQ in relationships.

Everyday included interactive and lively discussions about how to handle hypothetical scenarios (pictured at center).

WEEK AHEAD

The Mental Health cohort will explore what makes relationships "healthy" and the various facets of "Community Wellbeing:"

- 7/8: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Healthy Relationships, Teen Men
- 7/9: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Hygiene in the Community
- 7/10: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Bully and Cyberbullying
- 7/11: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Navigating Digital Citizenship
- 7/12: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Empathy in Action

The cohort will undergo training to become certified as a Mental Health First Aid helper which will be a boost to their resumes and add true value to their schools and workplaces.

REMINDERS

- No revealing clothing
- Listen when others are speaking
- Be on time and ready to participate
- Bring a refillable water bottle if you can!