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EVENT PLANNING

JULY 15 - 19, 2024

WEEK IN REVIEW



Youth created an Eventbrite link and invitations for the event they are planning for the End of the Summer Ceremony. They also contacted vendors for flowers and photographers for this event. The youth had presentations this week that consisted of dressing up. They were showcasing a mock birthday party flyer to learn how to use Canva. It was a friendly competition and they all won, which resulted in them getting free lunch from the instructor!



All of the youth got interviewed with the Media cohort regarding the videos for the project they are working on.

They were asked: why they choose the program they were in, what they would recommend for LTWLA for people at their school, and what they want to do in the future.

A guest speaker shared how she started her business and the evolution of it.

The highlight was seeing the flowers they are using and what the event space will look like.



LEADER OF THE WEEK

Adriana Marin - Cabello

We are thrilled to introduce Adriana, a recent graduate of New Albany High School. She is participating in the Event Planning cohort and enjoys every minute of it!

WEEK AHEAD

Next week, the youth have a field trip on Monday on how to do table settings, and how linen rentals work. They plan on getting the RSVPs for the guest list as well!

REMINDERS

- Closed toe shoes
- No phones
- No artificial nails
- Pack lunch or use a delivery service. Lunch will not be provided.

FASHION

JULY 15 - 19, 2024

WEEK IN REVIEW



This week, the youth learned about entrepreneurship and how to run a fashion show. They are in the process of getting the minor and major details fine tuned, and planned accordingly. The youth have been communicating with Columbus business owners in the fashion realm, gaining knowledge, and networking. On July 18th, they went to visit boutiques in the Columbus area to see what it's like to be a business owner and to see if they would be interested in participating in their fashion show.



LEADER OF THE WEEK

Aida Faye

Aida is an 18 year old rising Senior at Horizon Science Academy High School. After high school, she is undecided about what pathway she wants to explore. She is in the planning process of the fashion show, and will be one of the models and also a stylist.



The Fashion cohort have created lists of different businesses that are intertwined within fashion. This provides the youth with an opportunity to see how broad the fashion world is. They also dedicated positions for everyone within the fashion show. Their show is called "Tailored Elegance."

WEEK AHEAD

Next week, the youth will be introduced to industry professionals and get firsthand knowledge about what it takes to be successful in the fashion industry. Two speakers will be coming: a Makeup artist will be stopping by, as well as a Model who is already in the industry. They will give insight on what it's like to do both in the fashion industry.

REMINDERS

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

KARTING 101

JULY 15 - 19, 2024

WEEK IN REVIEW



What an incredible week three! The participants are flourishing as they progress through their activities. This week, they are working together to build their GoKarts and have gained insights into the importance of integrity, both in personal and professional contexts. They have also started learning the process of dismantling parts, using tools, and understanding sizes and measurements.



LEADER OF THE WEEK

Quinton Fralick

Quinton was recognized by his employer for his exceptional work ethic and initiative, earning him the title of Leader of the Week. His dedication to assisting others and commitment to personal growth are instrumental in his ongoing development.



WEEK AHEAD

As the Karting 101 program enters its fourth week, participants are gearing up for more advanced sessions, having already begun assembling their GoKarts. This upcoming week will focus on fine-tuning technical skills and preparing for upcoming practice races on the track.

REMINDERS

- Closed toe shoes
- No phones
- Pack lunch or use a delivery service. Lunch will not be provided.



GAMING

JULY 15 - 19, 2024

WEEK IN REVIEW



Week three of our Levels Unlocked Gaming cohort has come to an end. The youth spent the week working on graphics, overlays, and sponsorships for their upcoming event. They learned how to use Canva to create these graphics, which will be displayed during their Rocket League tournament on Twitch. Additionally, the youth participated in a 3v3 Rocket League tournament to determine the six players who will compete in the main event. Those who did not make it among the six will take on roles as coaches or production team members.



LEADER OF THE WEEK

Kal-el Faison

Kal-el is being recognized as Leader of the Week! Kal-el is a rising senior at Centennial High School and a dedicated multi-sport athlete, participating in both football and basketball. This week, he demonstrated exceptional initiative by dressing professionally and showing up for his headshot in a very nice business casual outfit. Kal-el is consistently among the first to arrive, always taking notes and asking insightful questions. His proactive attitude and commitment to excellence set a strong example for his peers. Kal-el truly embodies what it means to be a part of LTWLA.



This week, youth participated in mock interviews to enhance their professional skills. They also received professional headshots to use on LinkedIn, helping them build a polished and professional online presence. These activities aim to better prepare them for future career opportunities. By practicing interviews and creating LinkedIn profiles, they are gaining the tools and confidence needed for professional success.

WEEK AHEAD

Next week, the youth will be wrapping up their final week at Game Arena. They will be focusing on completing the remaining tasks needed to produce their tournament.

- 7/22-7/26: 9:00am - 1:00pm

REMINDERS

- Be on time
- Follow the dress code
- No phones
- Bring a competitive mindset

MEDIA PRODUCTION

JULY 15 - 19, 2024

WEEK IN REVIEW



This week, the youth recorded the Event Planning cohort, and some of the Fashion cohort for the video that will be presented on August 9th. The video introduces the youth, the program they are in, who their favorite coach is, and more. The youth visited OHD Studios, which was the highlight of the week. They also enjoyed editing the headshots they took of their peers, playing with editing, and seeing how all of their peers in the Media cohort edit photos.



LEADER OF THE WEEK

Esmeralda Lozano

We are thrilled to announce Esmeralda! She attended West High School until she graduated. She has committed to Columbus State Community College and will be attending in Autumn of this year as a major in Digital design and graphics. The youth does have a set role in the Media program, but she is a key component to the cohort that's ready to step up and take charge in anything that needs to get done.



The youth took a trip to OHD Studios and were introduced to a professional production team. From the equipment to the different programs they used, everything was on a higher level, which served as a great learning experience. The following day, they focused on diving into the how-to of editing photos by using the headshots taken of the different programs. On Wednesday, they began to work on the overall setup and format for mock interviews, serving as a nice transition into actual interviews. On Thursday, they went into the interviews of three people part of the Media program to edit and implement into the final event.

WEEK AHEAD

Next week, youth will go to other cohorts to interview them for the video they are making that will be presented on August 9th. They will continue to edit the interviews for the rest of the cohort next week and proceed to edit the content they accumulated during the course of time they were interviewing people.

REMINDERS

- Be on time
- No phones
- Field Trip Permission Slips

MENTAL HEALTH / SEL

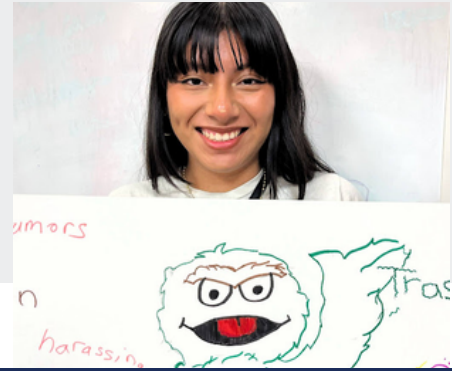
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WEEK IN REVIEW



The group addressed some hard-hitting topics like diversity, racism, identity, and inclusion. The cohort shared personal stories and exhibited vulnerability amongst themselves which is a unique and valuable skill to develop. The ability to be open, vulnerable, and empathetic is so crucial in the healthcare industry, so this is an excellent opportunity for them to practice these traits day after day..

Pictured left and below, we see the youth engaged in mindful meditation as a useful "brain break" between their discussions of the more serious topics.



LEADER OF THE WEEK Jasmine Cruz

Jasmine was quickly declared the artist of the group as evidenced by her drawing pictured above. Her anti-bullying poster was beloved by all, and her free-hand drawing drew the awe of everyone. Equally awe-inspiring is Jasmine's keen listening skills and the ease with which she expresses respect for her fellow mental health heroes and their instructor. Jasmine's insights are well-articulated and relatable. She describes her cohort with a certain air of amazement. She loves how open the group and how her peers have shown bravery in openly sharing their personal anecdotes.



One activity had the students really look inward and label parts of their identity. For this self-reflection, they went as far as claiming 30 different identifying factors! These included: Environmental Identity, Fashion and Style Identity, Neurodiversity, Technological Identity, Professional Identity, and so many more! Pictured above is Qua'Jenee presenting her identity map that highlights her main traits and ways that she identifies herself. She recited a poem about her self-identification!

WEEK AHEAD

The Mental Health cohort will be exploring Leadership in Action which will entail the following themes and topics:

- 7/22: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Understanding Leadership
- 7/23: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Intellect over Emotion
- 7/24: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Conflict Resolution & Negotiation
- 7/25: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Project Management Skills
- 7/26: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Building and Leading Teams

REMINDERS

- Arrive by 9AM & return from breaks on time
- No cell phones during the sessions
- Listen when others are speaking
- Dress warmly for the A/C, if helpful