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Event Planning

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Fashion

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Gaming

Youth did an amazing job putting on a Rocket League tournament for family members and our partners at FCJFS. The youth handled the production, shoutcasting, and graphics, all of which were on display.

Karting 101 & 102

Youth concentrated on sourcing parts for the GoKarts, as well as cleaning fuel tanks and bearings. They are making progress with the assembly of the GoKarts and are preparing parts for the installation of the axle and engine, which is scheduled for next week.

Media Production

Youth covered the creative production of recording the rest of the cohorts for their video at the end of the summer. The youth were able to engage with different programs and network with groups of students.

Mental Health / SEL

Youth explored leadership in action, seeking to understand leadership in theory and practice and discussing the concept of intellect over emotion. This was put to the test by having a debate, stirring a lot of passion and energy by both sides.



EVENT PLANNING

JULY 22 - 26, 2024

WEEK IN REVIEW



This week, the Event Planning cohort visited a rental company called Gotcha Covered, of East Columbus. They provide rental services such as tables, chairs, chandeliers, blinds, napkins, linens, and more. Any party needs for a wedding or sophisticated events, they have you covered!



LEADER OF THE WEEK

LaMya Berry

We have the honor of presenting LaMya Berry, a rising senior at Columbus Alternative High School. She enjoys Event Planning cohort because it's helping her learn time management skills and how to plan an effective event. LaMya has been enjoying the field trips and she has found the information shared to be incredibly useful!



During this field trip, students had the opportunity to dive into the art of party table prep and were challenged to take on the task in teams of three.

The business owner critiqued each student and let them unleash their table-styling skills. This activity was a preview into how they'd style tables for the End Of Year event they're planning!

WEEK AHEAD

This coming week will consist of field trips to Robin Enterprises, a local printing company. They will also send out invitations for the End Of Year event they are planning. The Event Planning cohort plans on inviting the sponsors, award recipients, and special guests!

REMINDERS

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

FASHION

JULY 22 - 26, 2024

WEEK IN REVIEW



This week, youth met with a few people in the fashion industry. They started planning for how the flyers will look, and what information will be on it. The youth also experienced a professional makeup artist.

Their special guest on Wednesday showed them a vision board to help get an idea of what the fashion show will consist of.



LEADER OF THE WEEK

Mariah Lawrence Smith

We are honored to present Mariah, a recent graduate from The Graham School. She chose the Fashion cohort because she wanted more hands-on experience in the fashion world and more experience with the business portion of fashion as well.



On Monday, youth met with a fashion designer who helped them create vision boards. On Tuesday, a makeup artist visited and demonstrated how to apply makeup on clients, and a multitude of information about makeup. She even showcased her talents on one of our youth (see photo above)! On Wednesday, a graphic designer shared her process of making flyers, creating one for the fashion show. On Thursday, a photographer visited, answering questions and talking to the youth about photography. On Friday, the youth met with a model, teaching them how to model walk, and how to get into the modeling industry.

WEEK AHEAD

Next week, the Fashion cohort will be visiting Easton Mall and High St. boutiques to see what the fashion world is like, and how designers pair outfits together. They plan on furthering the planning during that time as well.

REMINDERS

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

GAMING

JULY 22 - 26, 2024

WEEK IN REVIEW



Week 4 of the Gaming cohort at Game Arena has come to an end. The youth did an amazing job putting on a Rocket League tournament for family members and our partners at Franklin County Job & Family Services. The youth handled the production, shoutcasting, and graphics, all of which were on display. This tournament was streamed on YouTube and can be replayed by anyone interested.



LEADER OF THE WEEK

Abdulhafid Ibrahim

Abdulhafid is being recognized as Leader of the Week! Abdulhafid, a rising senior at Licking Heights High School, is an extremely skilled gamer with a passion for Valorant, Call of Duty, FIFA, and Rocket League. His professionalism and teamwork have been exemplary, showing up on time everyday and being an excellent team player. This week, Abdulhafid competed in the Rocket League tournament, where he showcased his skills and determination, ultimately finishing in second place. In recognition of his exceptional teamwork and performance, Abdulhafid was awarded a VISA gift card for winning the Team Player Award and for his impressive second-place finish.

At the conclusion of the event, the youth were given certificates of completion. Those who played in the tournament received a \$100 VISA gift card for first place and a \$75 VISA gift card for second place. Additionally, three special awards were given to recognize outstanding contributions: Abdulhafid Ibrahim won the Team Player Award, Mahamat Ali-Oumar won the Leader Award, and Violeta Monjaras won the Best Collaboration Award. Each of these award recipients was given a \$100 VISA gift card in recognition of their achievements.

WEEK AHEAD

Next week, the youth will be at COSI, to engage in future technology learnings and gain digital literacy by learning to build a gaming PC, gain familiarity with essential software tools, and explore digital marketing strategies including website building.

- 7/29-8/2: 10:00am - 4:00pm at COSI

REMINDERS

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

KARTING 101

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WEEK IN REVIEW



This week, the Karting cohort has been concentrating on sourcing parts for the GoKarts, as well as cleaning fuel tanks and bearings. They are making progress with the assembly of the GoKarts and are preparing parts for the installation of the axle and engine, which is scheduled for next week.



LEADER OF THE WEEK

Kaleb Effinger

Kaleb has shown discipline, teamwork, and a strong ability to learn quickly. He exhibits these professional skills by staying focused on tasks, building relationships effectively with others, and showing a keen desire to continuously acquire new knowledge and skills.

WEEK AHEAD

Next week, participants will focus on installing the axle and engine in the GoKarts, getting them ready for use on the race track towards the end of the program.

REMINDERS

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



MEDIA PRODUCTION

JULY 22 - 26, 2024

WEEK IN REVIEW



This week, the youth covered the creative production of recording the rest of the cohorts for their video at the end of the summer. The youth were able to engage with different programs and network with groups of students. Their week consisted of interviewing and editing content, traveling, and networking amongst their peers.



LEADER OF THE WEEK

Savon Dennis

We have the honor of recognizing Savon Dennis, a graduate from Groveport Madison High School. He loves the program, as it is teaching him about the media world, how to record content, and learning how to produce podcast material.

WEEK AHEAD

Next week, youth will be continuing the editing and recording process. They plan on heading to Yamo Studios to see what it looks like! Additionally, a professor will be visiting and speaking to them from Capital University.

REMINDERS

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



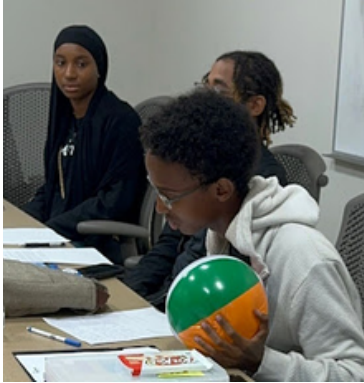
A multitude of events took place this week, including the following cohorts: IT Tech Core, STNA, Construction, and Electrical.

They also recorded "I am" statements from all of the cohorts as well. The students are excited to see the end product!

MENTAL HEALTH / SEL

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WEEK IN REVIEW



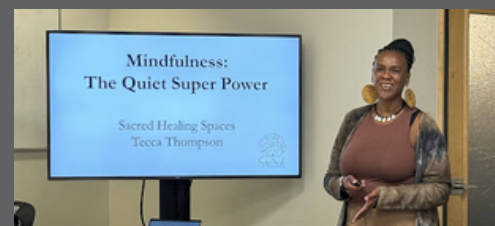
As the cohort slid into this 2nd to last week of the program, the youth have truly come into their own. This week involved exploring leadership in action. They sought to understand leadership in theory and practice and discussed the concept of intellect over emotion. This was put to the test by having a debate (Ismail holding the beach ball during his turn to speak, pictured left; the 2 teams pictured below), and it stirred a lot of passion and energy by both sides while also shining a light on the fact that every cause can have a counter-argument.

They went over project management skills and the art of building and leading teams. This proved to be a nice rehashing of the youth's Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt lessons during their orientation week!



LEADER OF THE WEEK Elijah Broomfield

Elijah was identified as this week's Leader of the Week because of the light-hearted and hard-working energy he brings to the group. When tasked with a project, he jumps up to get the supplies and encourages his group to brainstorm and collaborate with earnestness. His joyful participation is contagious, and when he presents or shares to the group, his peers and instructors listen attentively, and he always returns that same respect in reverse.



Chelsea arranged a lovely guest speaker experience for the cohort by inviting Tecca Thompson from [Sacred Healing Spaces](#). She talked about the power of being present in your body and listening to its messages.



Ways to do this included breathing awareness, physically shaking one's limbs and jumping up and down, and doing a body scan. (See "breathing awareness" in action, pictured right.)

WEEK AHEAD

The Mental Health cohort will be exploring the practical aspects of Implementing Change and also enjoying their final wrap-ups of the program:

- 7/29: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Capstone Development
- 7/30: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Effective Presentation Skills
- 7/31: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Review and Peer Feedback
- 8/1: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Finalizing Action Plans
- 8/2: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Certification Ceremony and Forward Planning



REMINDERS

- Come prepared to participate
- No cell phones during the sessions
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