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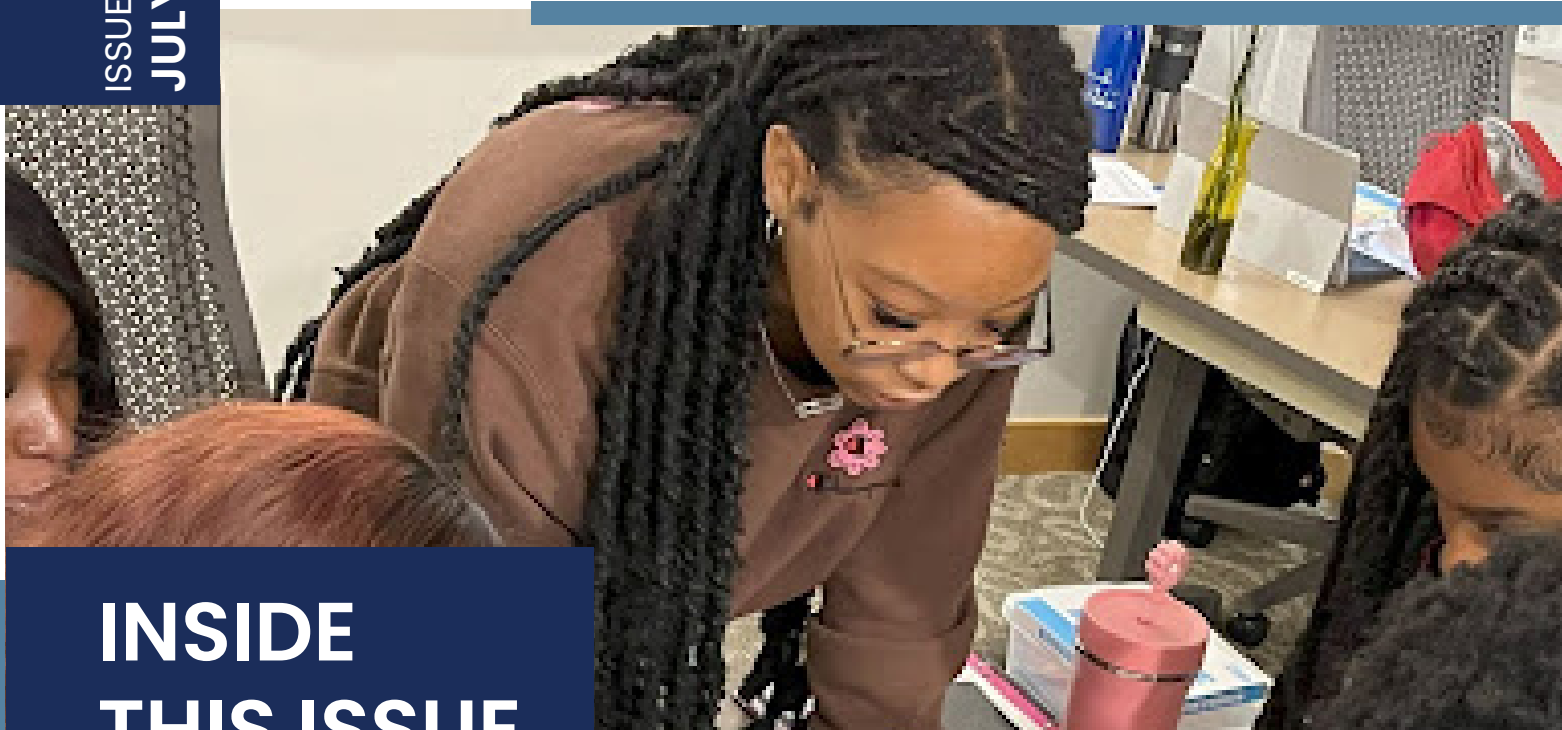
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2024 WEX NEWSLETTER

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Fashion

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Karting 101 & 102

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Gaming

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Mental Health / SEL

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EVENT PLANNING

JULY 8 - 12, 2024

WEEK IN REVIEW



This week in event planning was a fantastic time for collaboration, brainstorming, and creativity. The youth teamed up with the media production crew to finalize the logistics and invite flyer for the end-of-summer awards ceremony. They also had the opportunity to hear from a guest speaker from the Blue Jackets, who emphasized the importance of capturing media that truly reflects the essence of an event. Additionally, the event planning team finalized their imagery and decorations for the upcoming event.



LEADER OF THE WEEK

Debra Caldwell

Debra is an upcoming senior at The Charles School and will be obtaining her Associates Degree through the 5th year Ohio Dominican University program at TCS. She is passionate about mental health, therapy, and counseling and aspires to go to post-secondary education to obtain higher education and help others as a therapist. Debra exemplified leadership this week by fostering collaboration with her team and demonstrating creative input and a drive to learn.

WEEK AHEAD

- 7/15 - 7/19: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Event Planning Summer Program

REMINDERS

- Guest Speaker Allison Leonard with Kismet Visuals & Co Photography will be visiting next week.

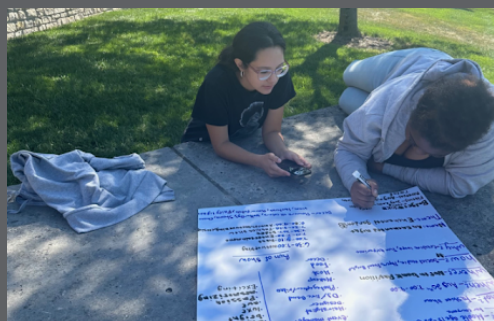
FASHION

JULY 8 - 12, 2024

WEEK IN REVIEW



This week, the youth spoke with a Designer, Makeup Artist, and an Entrepreneur in Columbus. They discussed pricing to hire them for their show and received feedback on their vision. They also took a field trip with their Fashion Instructor, Gary Jones, to a potential venue for their fashion show. During the trip, the youth planned what the show would look like. They are getting excited to bring their show to life!



The Fashion Cohort created the visual inspiration for their fashion show while visiting the potential venue. They discussed the logistics of the show which included seating arrangements, food, band location, and timing.

LEADER OF THE WEEK

Fatimata Moussa

Fatimata is a rising senior at Groveport Madison High School. She is always willing to act as the artist of the group by drawing the inspiration for the Fashion Show. She is enrolled in Lead The Way Learning Academy and has a goal to obtain a 4.0 GPA .

WEEK AHEAD

Next week, the youth will be introduced to more industry professionals. They will review supply chain, roll, staff roles and responsibilities, inventory management, and visit small businesses in Columbus. The goal is to expose them to the business side of fashion and allow them the opportunity to get first hand knowledge.

REMINDERS

- Continue to research and study fashion
- Study your fashion vocabulary words
- Spread the word about the fashion show. Models are needed!
- Dress appropriately
- Be on time for class

KARTING 101

JULY 8 - 12, 2024

WEEK IN REVIEW



The Karting 101 program has officially started its first week of work. They have already covered safety procedures, ice breakers, and identification of tools and equipment. Moreover, they have begun hands-on applications such as assembling their go-karts!



LEADER OF THE WEEK

Kaleb Effinger

Kaleb has been recognized as the leader of the week for consistently demonstrating punctuality, reliability, and a strong work ethic. He consistently arrives 10-15 minutes early for his shifts, allowing him to start his day promptly. Throughout his workday, Kaleb remains highly engaged and diligently completes his tasks in a timely manner. He adheres strictly to the dress code and manages his responsibilities efficiently, all while showing respect for others' time.

WEEK AHEAD

Moving forward, students will be assessed using the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal Rubric to monitor their skill development each week. Our goal is for these students to progress from a beginner level to proficiency, ultimately preparing them to become highly valued employees.

REMINDERS

- Closed toe shoes
- No phones
- Stay hydrated
- Use PPE and remember safety guidelines



GAMING

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WEEK IN REVIEW



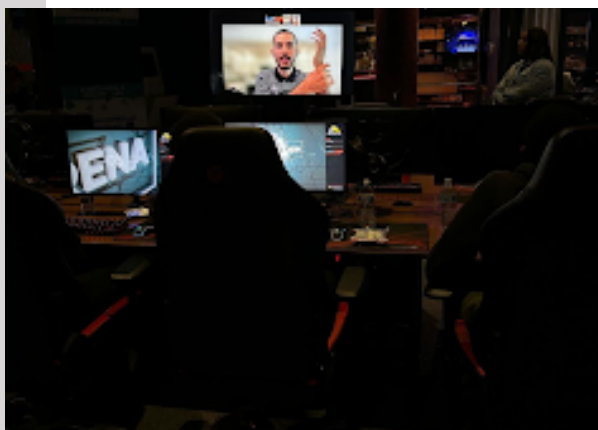
We've wrapped up the first two weeks of our Levels Unlocked Gaming Cohort! In Week 2, WNBA Champion Aerial Powers delivered a warm welcome message to the youth. On Thursday, Carlos Bustamante, Assistant Athletic Trainer for the Washington Wizards, joined the youth via Zoom and highlighted the importance of health in gaming and answered questions the youth had. On Friday, eSports Caster Emma Guckiean shared her journey and insights on becoming an eSports Caster. Our cohort members continued honing their Rocket League skills, practiced streaming, and learned how to be effective observers while streaming the game.



LEADER OF THE WEEK

Mahamat Ali-Oumar

Mahamat Ali-Oumar is being recognized as Leader of the Week! As a recent graduate of The Charles School, he's been showing up early, taking great notes, asking lots of questions, and staying fully engaged with everything we're doing. His enthusiasm is contagious, and his dedication shines through in every activity. This week, he was the first to turn in his resume on Friday, demonstrating his proactive and organized nature. After learning about competitive eSports in college, Mahamat now dreams of playing Call of Duty at the collegiate level. His journey is just beginning, and we can't wait to see where his passion and hard work will take him!



This week, our youth took a big step towards their futures by learning how to create standout resumes, exploring the best templates to highlight their skills and experiences. They also got practical advice on how to find and apply for jobs that fit their interests and strengths. By Friday, everyone had submitted their polished resumes, gearing up for the exciting mock interviews they will all be participating in next week.

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 program's end.

- 7/15-7/19: 9:00am - 1:00pm

REMINDERS

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

MEDIA PRODUCTION

JULY 8 - 12, 2024

WEEK IN REVIEW



Youth covered the creative pre-production process, which included determining the video concept, selecting suitable music, setting up three-point lighting, and taking professional headshots. They also learned the basics of video and audio editing/production, as well as photo editing and color correction.



Youth learned that Pre-production is a crucial phase in the video production process where all planning and preparation take place before filming begins. During this stage, several key activities are undertaken to ensure a smooth production process. Determining the video concept involves brainstorming and deciding on the main idea or message, defining the target audience, setting objectives, and outlining the storyline or script. Selecting suitable music is essential for setting the tone and mood of the video, and may involve choosing royalty-free tracks or composing original ones. Setting up three-point lighting, which includes key light, fill light, and backlight, helps illuminate the subject evenly, reduce shadows, and add depth to the scene. Taking professional headshots is also important for introducing individuals featured in the video or for promotional purposes. Additionally, learning the basics of video and audio editing/production, as well as photo editing and color correction, is essential to ensure high-quality final output.



LEADER OF THE WEEK

Naomi Cannon

We are thrilled to announce that Naomi is our Leader of the Week! Naomi is a vibrant youth who has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills. She is always on time, attentive to the instructors, and takes thorough notes. Naomi consistently takes initiative and shows a remarkable level of dedication. Her talent and enthusiasm make her a joy to have in our media team. Let's all celebrate Naomi's hard work and leadership! Keep shining, Naomi!

WEEK AHEAD

Next week, youth will have an exciting schedule starting with a Monday field trip to OHD Studios. On Tuesday, they will focus on photo editing of headshots and pitching their video concepts. From Wednesday to Friday, they will be engaged in video shoots and editing sessions.

REMINDERS

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



MENTAL HEALTH / SEL

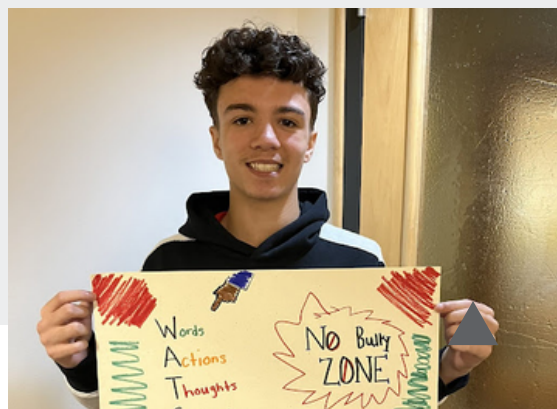
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With the cohort collaborating and getting to know each other for 3 weeks now, a feeling of cohesion and trust has blossomed. Group projects are flowing smoothly, and encouragement among each other is blooming naturally. The youth are respecting their instructors and each other, and the room's ambience radiates with acceptance.



LEADER OF THE WEEK

Troy "TJ" Johnson

At any moment's notice, TJ is ready to help out, whether it's assisting his peers, the instructor, or the site manager. He has been consistently interactive during each one of the program's activities and projects. He exhibits a positive and helpful disposition which bodes very well for his future in healthcare.

Thank you, TJ, for always being a ray of sunshine and a reliable colleague as everyone journeys through the program together!



As part of the tMHFA training, the group learned about the 5-Step Action Plan (pictured above) and set to work creating posters that represented each step. Above, we see the poster for Step 1 - Look, and there are listed some warning signs to watch for when a peer might be having a hard time or even considering suicidal ideations.

TJ and Elijah (pictured top right and bottom right) proudly display their anti-bullying posters which was a major theme for the week. Yet another theme was hygiene in the community, and [this video](#) was a successful conversation starter for sure.

WEEK AHEAD

The Mental Health cohort will explore Inclusivity, Diversity, and Advocacy as well furthering their Capstone Projects:

- 7/15: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Civil Rights + Their Social Impact
- 7/16: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Inclusion: Language and Actions
- 7/17: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Diversity and Identity
- 7/18: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Advocacy Skills Workshop
- 7/19: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Allyship in Action

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

