Summer Internship News

Forty-two students from four community schools are participating in the My Brother’s Keeper Summer Internship program in partnership with Alternative Information Systems, Buffalo Fire and Police Departments, Buffalo State College, City of Buffalo Division of Parks and Recreation Youth and Recreational Services, and Computers for Children. The program runs July 10 through August 18, Monday through Friday 8:30-11:30.

Lewis J. Bennett School of Innovative Technology

Bennett interns were provided more tech savvy undertakings in their second week of work. They continued their work cleaning computers and monitors and sorting through countless boxes of spare computers parts, cords, and cables; however, students spent much of their time reimaging monitors, testing printers, and installing Windows operating systems and Microsoft Office Suites software.

To close out the week, students engaged in a bottle rocket competition in preparation for an event at Canalside the following week. First they organizing bins of supplies for the science experiment and then held a trial run. Students had to carefully delineate and mark the landing strip and then measure the trajectories of the bottle rockets.

East Community High School

Interns from East participated in a Hazmat simulation training with the Buffalo Fire Department training. The training focused on a chlorine leak simulation teaching students what personal protective equipment to wear and how to resolve this type of crisis.

Students also were able to spend a day with the Buffalo Police in the Crime Analysis Lab. There they viewed a geographic mapping and camera system, and were walked through the process of utilizing these systems to solve crimes.

At City City Hall, interns witnessed a hearing of a court case involving a home invasion.
Lafayette interns had their first look at the new location of the Small Business Development Center. They were tasked with installing shelving for the new library and sorting through boxes of books offering guidance to aspiring entrepreneurs.

Students read through titles and tables of contents to categorize books into groups of Human Resources, Finance, Management, Business Models, Sales and Marketing. They then created and labeled sub-categories for each group, and alphabetized. In addition, they set up a computer station and conference table. Students made additional improvements to the Center by updating advertising signage and bulletin boards.

Later in the week, students had an opportunity to work with an arborist weeding and planting trees, shrubs, and flowers throughout the campus.

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The Hennepin Youth Center is also the home to the Buffalo River Food Pantry which offers qualified applicants access to food provided by the Food Bank of Western New York. South Park interns helped prepare for the weekly event. They prepared hundreds of bags to be filled with a variety of healthy boxed and canned food items, filled each bag, and distributed to applicants.

Also at both Centers, “Engineering for Kids in partnership with Buffalo PAL brings science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), to youth ranging from 4 to 14 years old.” (http://buffalopal.com/community-centers/). As this is offered throughout the seven Community Centers. Interns often find themselves updating computer software.

In addition, students helped plan, organize, and set up a lawn fete for the Old First Ward Community Center. Interns manned the bounce house, maintained order and safety for participants, and organized other fun and games for this family event.