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

In weeks three and four of the program, Bennett students continued their responsibilities sorting through computers donated by local businesses and schools, cleaning, reimaging, updating the software and repackaging for resale as well as programming remote controlled robots.

In addition, students organized an event for the Erie County Youth Bureau in partnership with Summer Prime Time. The event will be held at Canalside supervised by managing director John Brown and monitored by the students. The featured experiments will involve bottle rockets, magnetic slime, and exothermic reactions.

East Community High School

One of the most intense trainings students from East attended in the midpoint of their internship was a Disaster Triage Simulation where they worked with the director of ECMC and learned how to triage a mass casualty incident. Their focus scenario was a simulation of a true case study of a high rise fire. Dr. Bart explained the different roles of Emergency Medical Responders, firefighters, and police as they respond through the 1, 2, 3, and 4 alarm systems. The training concluded with a ride in, and cleanup of, a fireboat along the Niagara River on a beautiful sunny day.
Lafayette Interns

Lafayette interns spent days clearing debris from the dock at the Great Lakes Center. The dock has gone unused for some time, and due to recent construction the GLC has an immediate need to use the dock, but it was in bad shape. The students cleared all of the debris from the docks and cut back some overgrown landscaping to allow for the dock to be functional. In addition, the students were also introduced to the dangers of invasive species in our Great Lakes.

As a reward for their hard work, Mark and Brian from the Great Lakes Center took the students out on a boat trip, showing them the various birds, islands, and waterways.

Interns also spent time at the Burchfield Penney Art Center. First, the students toured the Center with a docent. They were able to find their favorite work of art, interpret it, then do some free sketching of their own to reflect on their visit. The students then over a two-day span did some archiving of articles that the Burchfield Penney Art Center was featured in.

South Park Interns

South Park interns spent their midsummer engaged in a week of community cleanup. They collected bags upon bags of litter, cleared debris, and polished the glass to make the community center sparkle.

In addition, interns organized a new family activity room. They built furniture, cabinets, book shelves, and play centers and stocked the room with books, toys, and games to promote safe and fun family engagement.

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