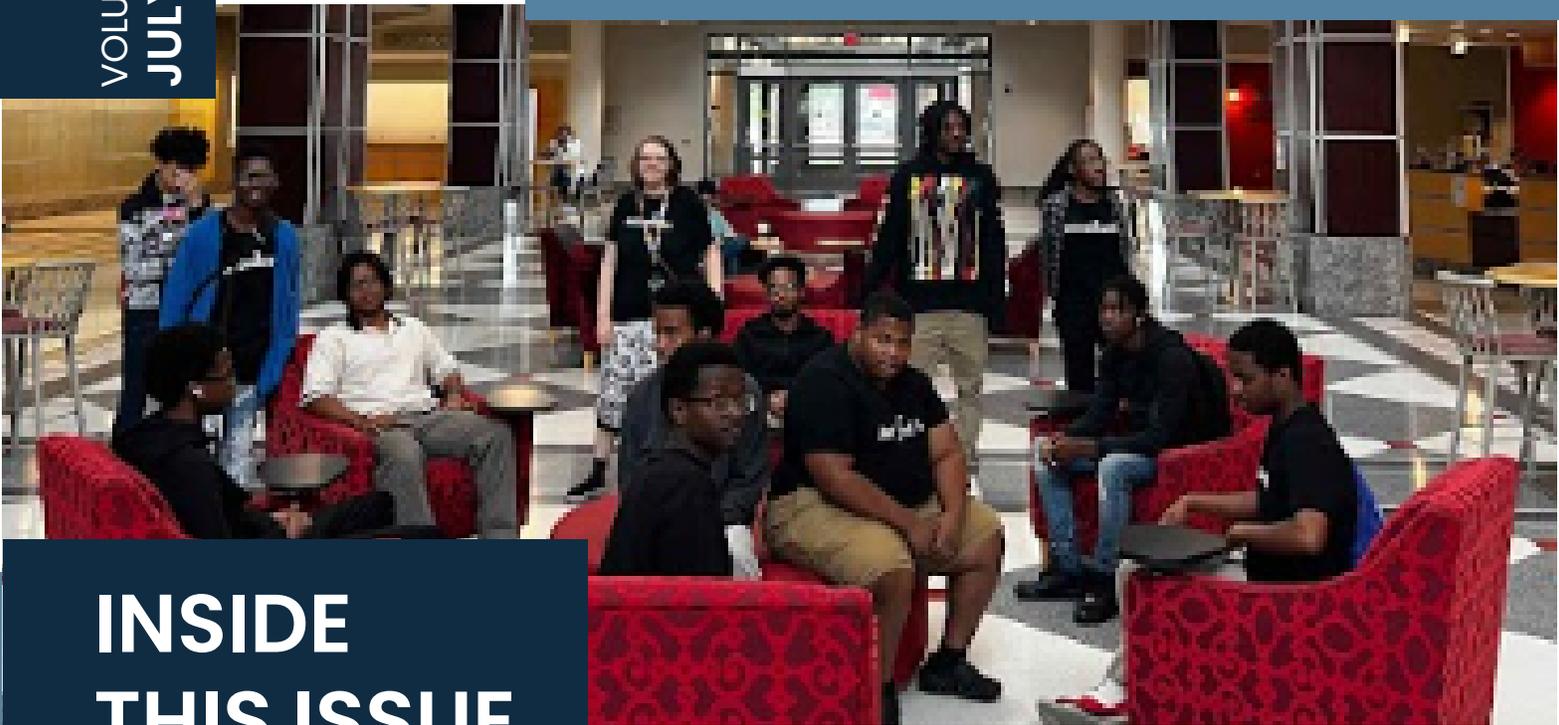


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Accenture: Business/Information Technology

Immersive and interactive professional development training.



Behavioral Health

Learning Sources of Strength (SOS), a best practice youth mental health promotion and suicide prevention program designed to harness the power of peer social networks to create healthy norms and culture, ultimately preventing suicide, violence, bullying, and substance misuse



Event Planning/Podcasting

This program consists of 59 classroom and lab hours and 24 hours of clinical. Students who earn their STNA and excel in the program, will have the opportunity to be immediately placed in a job, making up to \$19.00 per hour.

ACCENTURE: BUSINESS / IT

This week, we focused on the future! From preparing for adulthood, to college experiences and life skills. Youth had an excursion to OSU on where they took a tour and listened to a panel about business and networking, meeting professionals who work with OSU. A special Q&A panel was held on Thursday featuring Accenture employees who were once apprentices or interns at Accenture. They graciously volunteered to share their stories and give interested participants an idea of what to expect if they wish to pursue a career with us in the future.



Sadia Mohamud Visits Harvard Law School

One of our youth, Sadia Mohamud, took a trip to Boston to visit Harvard Law School for a medical conference through Go Putney Student Travel! Sadia learned about the ongoing climate crisis and how it is impacting our world in a discussion panel with speakers from all over including Lauren Bash, Meg Sullivan, Tevin Wooten, and many more. Sadia was able to explore Boston with her action focus group and visit famous sites such as Boston Museum of Science, Cambridge, Harvard University School of Public Health, the MIT Museum, and more. Sadia enjoyed her experience and everything she learned and we are excited to watch her tackle her senior year at Horizon Science!



ACCENTURE: BUSINESS / IT

The summer interns presented their final projects for leadership at Accenture this week to wrap up the summer program. There were five cohort groups who each picked one problem, created personas to solve the problem, and listed a few solutions on how to tackle it. The first group included Jonya Russell, Anas Barre, and Mohamed Muse and they discussed water filtration within the Coca-Cola company and how to bring clean water to areas such as South Sudan and India. The next group discussed shoplifting at CVS and proposed incorporating security chips on all products to combat theft and the participants were Savon Dennis, Abdirisak Ismail, and Sadia Mohamud. Next, Yusuf Yusuf, Bibek Khanal, and Jermain Chandler discussed the issue of child labor exploitation in factories for the company H&M. Their solution

is to have Quality Assurance agents enforce labor laws in other countries and uphold child worker rights. Next up, Thierno Lam and Leticia Oteng (who also were the winners of the projects with their crafty solution) they discussed McDonald's food waste and combating it by creating an app called McGreen which would be linked to the McDonald's app. This app provides information for the Ronald McDonald site, shows which food is available for reduced pricing, and access to compost information near users - if used, there's rewards and points granted to customers. The last group was Robert Plear, Vivica Langham, and Jacob Mohamoud who discussed child labor/exploitation at Nestle, specifically in the cocoa farming industry/fields. The area they focused on is West Africa and they want to combat plantation owners using children and not paying them for labor. Their solution was to incorporate AI and robots that get energy from solar panel to do the labor. Overall, the youth did amazing and showed critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork, and innovation! Great job Lead The Way youth!



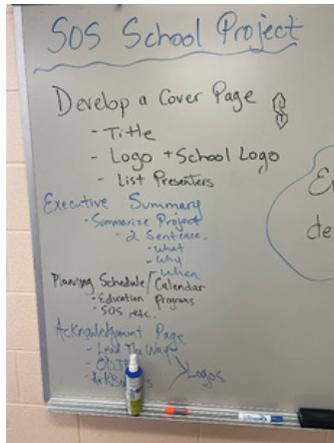
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Youth began working on their school project of how they will help implement behavioral/mental health awareness and resources throughout their schools. Youth from each school teamed up and made a presentation on the resources and tools needed to successfully implement behavioral and mental awareness. The presentations included: a budget, time frame, materials (e.g., journals and notebooks) and the setting of the environment to ensure all students feel welcomed and comfortable.



SOS School Project

The SOS school presentation has allowed the youth to express their creativity. Nia Cottrell (pictured on the left) is holding a photo representing the different emotions and feelings experienced daily by our youth and adults. Drawing these emotions, and expressing them in a different way, has been a huge help with unpacking and relating to one another.



Leader of the Week River "Zero" Martinez

Zero has stood out this week by taking directive to make sure the SOS school projects are organized, and helping with drawing and creativity. Zero has helped her coworkers become involved.

Zero created a logo that represents their SOS project; the letters "LTM" stand for "Learning To Manage." This logo helps represent what they stand for and their hope of other students receiving the program.



EVENT PLANNING/PODCASTING

This week, the Event Planning/Podcast team worked long and hard to put together a successful event! This entire event showcased all of our summer work experiences Lead The Way offered for our students. Lead the Way's community partners joined in on the ceremony to honor our students who completed a specific program and earned a certification.



Thank you to our keynote speakers for attending this event put together by the Event Planning / Podcast team!



Congratulations to all of our graduating students! Thank you to everyone who participated!

