

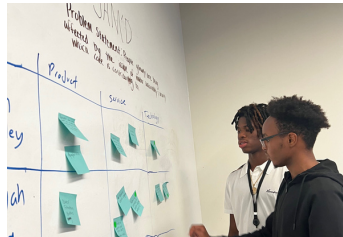
# NEWSLETTER

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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, youth focused on personal presentation and began their serious work on their capstone projects. Working in teams of 4-5, the youth took the following steps:

- Researching three 'Big Thorny Problems' associated with companies they chose from the Accenture 'Diamond Clients' list
- Choosing the problem they would focus on for the rest of the program
- Developing Personas: fictional examples of people with a vested stake in the problem/solution
- Using a creative matrix to brainstorm solutions related to the best interests of their personas

All of the groups came up with excellent problems to tackle and have been building the slides that will make up their final presentations using the results of their daily deliverables.



## Leader of the Week

Sadia Mohamud

Sadia, a rising senior at Horizon Science Academy High School, is anticipating going to OSU for college to study computer science. She loves spending quality time with her family, playing basketball, and all things technology related. Sadia is enjoying her summer work experience with Accenture and learning a lot about business, professionalism, networking, and looks up to her instructors for their experience in IT and business. Sadia is joyful, respectful, modest, kind, and hard-working and we are happy to have her in the program. She is a brilliant young woman who is expanding her knowledge to prepare for life after Horizon and we are very excited to watch her grow in this program – Congrats Sadia!



# ACCENTURE: BUSINESS / IT

The instructors covered more personal and professional development topics this week as well including:

- **Research Basics** – Avoiding bias, finding trusted sources, identifying useful and specific information.
- **Problem Statements** – How to write a succinct, descriptive problem statement including who it affects, what the problem is, where/when does it occur, and why is it important.
- **Marketing & Personal Brand** – The power of maintaining brand image for both companies and individuals and how to maintain a personal brand online.
- **Public Speaking & Storytelling** – Teaching strong public speaking habits and giving participants time to put what they learned into practice via their own TED talks.
- **Financial Literacy** – A crash course on debt, banking, credit, and savings.
- **Resume Building & Interviewing Techniques** – Practicing interviews with other participants and co-facilitators, creating resumes in Word, and learning tips to impress potential employers.
- **Emerging Tech** – Discussing AI development and how new technologies are impacting our everyday lives and interests.

## Mid-Ohio Farm Visit

The youth ended the week with an excursion to Mid-Ohio Farm, an organization that uses cutting-edge 'smart farm' technology to increase agricultural production in a sustainable way.



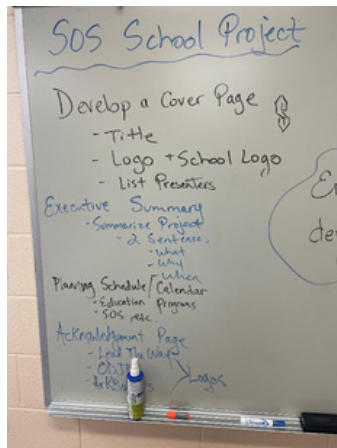
# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

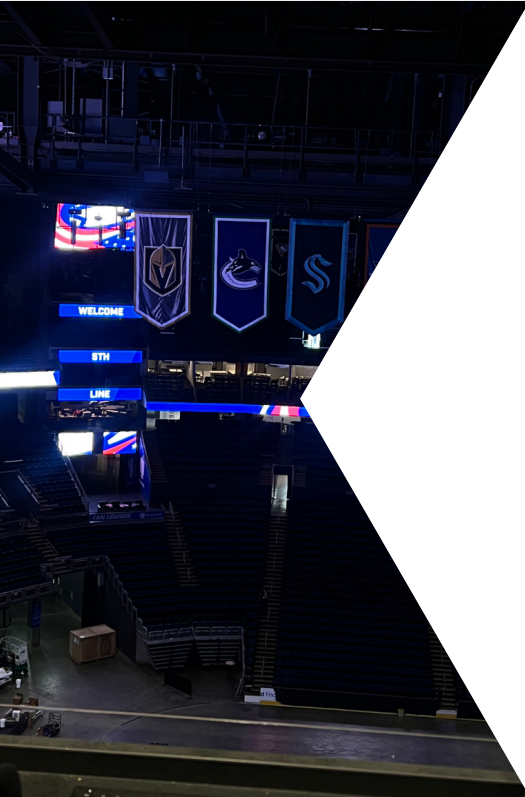
Zero has stood out this week by taking directive to make sure the SOS school projects are organized, and helping with drawing and creativity. Zero has helped her coworkers become involved.

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

The youth had a great opportunity to visit Nationwide Arena and explore the stadium. They were able to experience backstage, front stage and where the audience sits during an event. It was a shock to the students how large and spacious Nationwide Arena is. The tour went phenomenal and the students can't wait to tour again in the future, if presented the opportunity.



When returning back to the worksite, First Church of God, the youth immediately started working on editing their podcast episodes, videos, etc. The youth continued recording and speaking on controversial topics they came up with together as a group.

The youth are learning many new techniques and skills to use in the workforce. The youth will be prepared to work within the media industry if interested. We have one more week left to complete the summer work experience. There is a special event



approaching on August 4th, 2023 that the youth have been working so hard to prepare for and they're ready to put on a show!



## Leader of the Week Mahamat Ali-Oumar

Our Leader of the week is Mahamat Ali-Oumar, a current student at The Charles School and an active member of Lead the Way Learning Academy. Mahamat is very punctual when it comes to showing up for work on time and engaging with his co-workers.

