

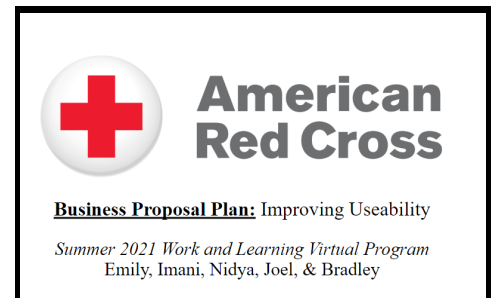
# A SUMMER OF WORK & LEARNING

THE 2021 SUMMER OF WORK AND LEARNING PROGRAM PROVIDED LOCAL YOUTH WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A VARIETY OF PAID WORK PLACEMENTS. IN-PERSON, VIRTUAL AND HYBRID FORMATS ALLOWED FOR FLEXIBILITY AND PROVIDED STUDENTS WITH OPTIONS TO COMPLETE PROJECTS. IN ADDITION TO A PRACTICAL WORK COMPONENT, ALL STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN SIGNAL SUCCESS, A COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM DESIGNED AND TESTED BY THE STATE. HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR FUTURE SUCCESS, THE YOUTH RECEIVED SYSTEMATIC INSTRUCTION IN CORE SOFT SKILLS WHILE ENGAGING IN MEANINGFUL FUTURE PLANNING.

## BUSINESS

This virtual group participated in a variety of business related career programming. Youth attended readiness workshops, industry CareerChats, a community college micro-career pathway course, and completed CareerSafe, an online youth-safety training authorized by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration

(OSHA). Through this informative and innovative certification, students learned to recognize potential safety and health hazards within career clusters, preparing them for their future pathways. Youth who completed the OSHA 10-hour course received an industry-recognized credential card from OSHA, a valuable certification in all workplaces. For the project portion, interns researched the different roles of a working team, created a business proposal for The American Red Cross, and presented their comprehensive business plan that showcased both the hard and soft skills acquired during their participation in the program.



## METAL INVENTORY

In-person students were introduced to the welding career path, which includes working for contracting and construction companies, building permanent and temporary infrastructures, repairing military equipment or working various pipeline jobs. Students sorted through decades worth of scrap metal accumulated at Attleboro High School to create an organized, visually appealing space which allows for a productive inventory tracking system. The highlight was our students completely funded the cost of the dumpster with all the scrap metal cash they collected. No out of pocket costs!



**FUN FACT!**  
STUDENTS COLLECTED AND PLACED OVER 8 TONS OF SCRAP METAL IN A DUMPSTER. THAT'S EQUAL TO THE WEIGHT OF AN ELEPHANT!

## MAINTENANCE

These youth ensured the safety and sanitation of the Seekonk High School building for the upcoming year. They worked diligently cleaning the windows inside and out, scrubbing the walls, and beautifying the property. Our student maintenance crew learned how to use basic tools safely and how to work together on various jobs. Students meticulously cleaned their work areas during break periods and were responsible for recording and submitting their hours and pay sheets for payroll.



*Two Commis Chefs plating some of the many meals prepared for the Soup Kitchen*



*A lemon cake to celebrate the end of our summer program!*

## CULINARY GROUP

The culinary program trained youths to be Commis Chefs (junior members of the kitchen) and provided the opportunity to develop practical cooking skills for the food-industry. Commis Chefs actively prepared meals for a local soup kitchen. They donated 130 meals each week to the Attleboro Interfaith Collaborative food pantry! They were busy! Culinary youth had roles and responsibilities similar to a staff seamlessly working in a professional kitchen. Additionally, students completed the ServSafe program, an industry standard for food handling, which provided students with a nationally recognized certificate.

## HORTICULTURE

The landscaping group worked closely with the Attleboro Land Trust as they kept up the appearance of community properties to look their best! Trimming trees and, bushes, planting flowers, using lawn tools, and cleaning up debris are just some of the many duties they performed. Under the supervision of Farm-to-Table, students harvested produce from the gardens in the AHS greenhouse to help supply the meals that our culinary team prepared for the soup kitchen.

## SMARTS COLLABORATIVE

Thank you to the SMARTS Collaborative for employing our youth! Students with specific education interests were given the title of Teacher Assistant and supported senior staff to provide creative writing, dance, drama, film/video, music

and visual arts summer programs to elementary-aged children. Our SMARTS youth were responsible for keeping their campers safe while ensuring fun was had by all!



## MEDIA-DESIGN

Our design interns observed all groups this summer to create this very newsletter! They attended a micro-career pathway course offered by a local community college, completed Signal Success and utilized our new Virtual Job Shadow Software to learn about art careers. Shout-out to our student participant, Ercy, for all her hard work covering the summer program and helping to create this very newsletter!