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MAKING MONEY MOVES

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN IMC OPTIONS TRADER

In a quest to empower our students with knowledge and real-world exposure, we recently organized a trip to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME), in collaboration with IMC an ambitious company with a mission to be one of the leading trading firms globally. The excursion, aimed at enlightening our young minds about diverse careers in the financial and options industry, proved to be an enriching experience for all. Throughout the visit, IMC's seasoned professionals elucidated the intricacies of the financial and options market, providing valuable insights into various pathways and positions available in the industry. Our students were engrossed as they learned about trading strategies, risk management, and the art of decision-making amidst the dynamic financial landscape. IMC's hospitality shone as they generously treated our students to a delicious lunch, fostering a warm and welcoming atmosphere.



UPWARD BOUND STUDENTS ON A VISIT TO IMC AND THE CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

LAPTOP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT AND SALUTATORIAN JOHNNA FERRIS GOINS



In a heart-warming gesture, The Computer Mechanic Ron Paymaster awarded the salutatorian of the class of 2023, a state-of-the-art laptop. After six years of dedicated participation in the 3 Seeds Upward Bound program, the student's scholarship application was selected and the laptop was awarded in July just 2 weeks before she starts school at The University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana. The laptop reflects the impact of her perseverance and academic excellence. Thanks again Ron Paymaster for your generosity.

EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF CHESS

UPWARD BOUND STUDENTS EMBRACE STRATEGY AND LEARNING!



In the dynamic 6-week summer program, Upward Bound students delved into the captivating world of chess. Engaging in this intellectually stimulating game, they honed critical thinking, problem-solving, and strategic skills. As the chessboards came alive with excitement, the students eagerly explored new tactics and competed with enthusiasm. Beyond just a game, chess ignited a passion for learning and personal growth among these bright young minds, enriching their summer with invaluable experiences.



BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT..

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN A MOCK TRIAL WITH JUDGE JOHN FAIRMAN AND LEARN MORE ABOUT CAREERS IN LAW

For one group of students, a remarkable journey into the world of law began as they participated in their first-ever Mock Trial, guided by none other than the esteemed Judge Fairman. This was a thrilling opportunity for these young minds, as they had never experienced anything law-related before. Judge Fairman's relatability and transparency made a profound impact on the students. He demystified complex legal jargon, patiently answering their questions, and sharing personal insights from his own experiences. The students found themselves inspired and at ease, embracing this unique learning opportunity. The pinnacle of the experience was the intense jury deliberation that followed the mock tri-

al. As the students debated the case passionately, differing opinions emerged, and reaching a unanimous verdict proved challenging. This hands-on experience exposed them to the reality of the courtroom, where justice is not always straightforward.

Additionally, the students had the privilege of meeting other legal professionals, including the clerk, who provided invaluable insights into their roles within the legal system. This holistic exposure not only deepened their understanding of the court process but also opened their eyes to the diverse career paths available within the legal field.

IF RIVERS COULD SPEAK

ARCHITECTURE TOUR EXPLAINS THE RICH HISTORY AND CAREERS THAT CREATED THIS AMAZING SPACE



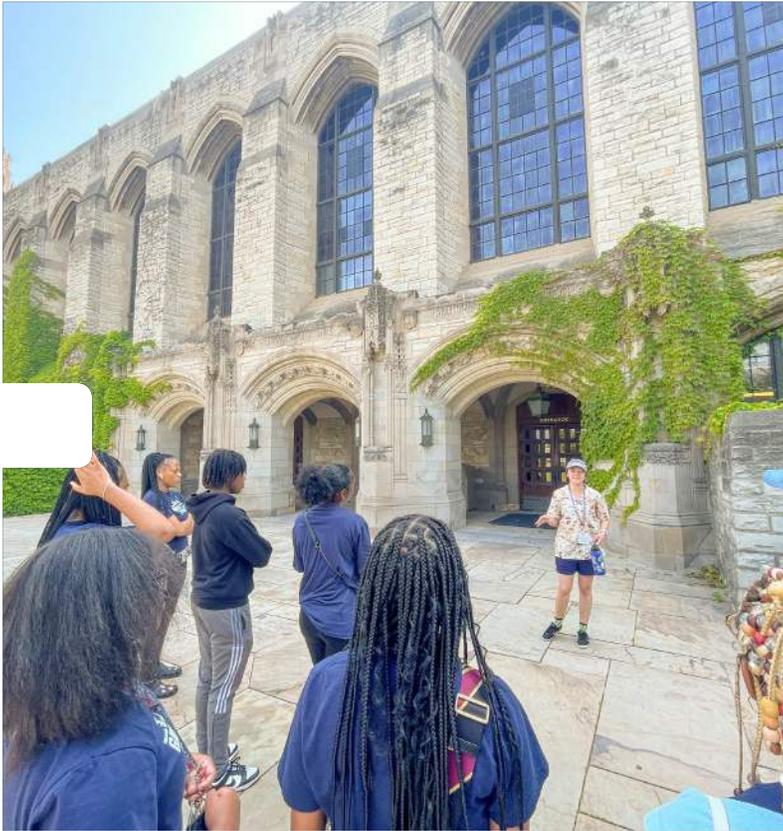
In an enriching expedition, students embarked on a Chicago architecture tour, tracing the fascinating history of buildings lining the Riverwalk. This hands-on experience delved into STEM majors, from structural engineers to mechanical experts, who navigated challenges in developing these properties. Witnessing the transition from industrial to residential, students gained insights into urban planning and the innovations that shaped this iconic cityscape.

CREATIVE TRADES AND JAYS

CREATING SHOES AND FASHION THAT SPEAK TO THE CULTURE



In an effort to create hands on experiences that are also rewarding, our students got a chance to attend Sneakerhead University where they learned about careers in marketing, fashion, business, and entrepreneurship. The founders sat down with the students and explained their journeys from an HBCU to now having their own store in downtown Chicago. The students were also able to make and design their own shoes from their drawings.



A VISIT TO THE BIG 10

A VISIT TO NORTHWESTERN ONE OF THE FEW BIG 10 SCHOOLS IN THE STATE

A memorable experience awaited students as they embarked on a captivating journey to Northwestern University during their summer program. The university's remarkable scholarship program immediately caught their attention, offering an incredible opportunity for aspiring scholars to pursue their dreams. The campus tour proved to be nothing short of exceptional. Nestled right on the picturesque lake, students were treated to breathtaking views that set the stage for a transformative educational experience. The vibrant campus buzzed with intellectual energy, inspiring the young minds to reach for the stars. As the tour progressed, students learned about the impressive list of alumni who have left their mark on the world. Stories of renowned leaders, innovators, and change-makers ignited their ambition and reaffirmed the boundless possibilities that lay ahead. Northwestern University's campus exuded a sense of academic excellence, artistic expression, and diverse opportunities. The visit left an indelible impression on the students, reaffirming their aspirations and fuelling their determination to one day become a part of this prestigious academic community.

ALUMNI CORNER: ESSENCE KNIGHTEN EL

STEM MAJOR WITH A BRIGH FUTURE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES HER SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Everyone has a story and Essence Knighten El is no exception. She recently completed a summer STEM internship program with ACE Chicago where she had to do a sustainable design in the city of Chicago. Prior to receiving that internship she had another on with ACE during the school year where she commuted from Hazel Crest to Chicago once a week by train for 2 semesters. After completing both internships she was able to secure enough funds in scholarships to attend IIT on a full scholarship. She has kept in touch with the staff at 3 Seeds over the years and was the Salutatorian for the class of 2021 (Her picture still hangs in the hall near the front door entrance!) Her goal professionally is to be a structural architectural engineer. She is a committed student inside and outside of the classroom who also helped us with our Southworks Robotics team year and helped to develop the maze for the final Sphero Maze runner coding challenge. We are so proud of her and wish her continued success on her educational journey.

