## 2024 Summer



# Report

Over the course of the summer, Anne Arundel Student Career Excellence (AASCE) partnered with Maryland Leadership Workshops (MLW) and Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) to build on students' learning during the school year through various summer opportunities.

# Maryland Leadership Workshops

"Adrianna is very happy she learned and enjoyed all the activities developed during the week. We as Parents are very grateful for all the support from Mrs. Virginia Santiago who supported us with the Spanish language in the application and the whole process until Adrianna was approved. We are Hispanics with the desire for our children to make the most of all the opportunities provided and we motivate our two daughters to study every day and give their best so that the opportunities that will come are very well taken advantage of and valued."

- Alba Luz Manchame, mother of MLW Participant Adrianna

Leadership Maryland and AASCE sponsored 87 middle and high school students to attend MLW. Students participated in a weeklong, overnight leadership training and immersion experience held at Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland, on the Eastern Shore.

#### **Workshop Topics Included:**

Leadership Styles
Self-Awareness and Identity
Group Dynamics
Diversity
Communication Skills
Public Speaking

Ethical Decision Making Advocacy Leadership, Power, and Privilege Project Management Conflict Management Creative Problem Solving



## Middle School Experience in Leadership

Students learned how to advocate and create the changes they want to see in the world, viewing themselves as a leader.

"I learned that you don't have to be visible to be a leader and I learned that there are many different ways to lead." - MLW Participant





### **Senior High Workshops**



Students used their power and influence to improve themselves, their communities, and their schools. They became more comfortable building connections and friendships with their peers.

"During my time here at MLW I learned valuable skills on how to approach group projects and problems and ways to incorporate every different mindset and skills that everyone has."

- MLW Participant

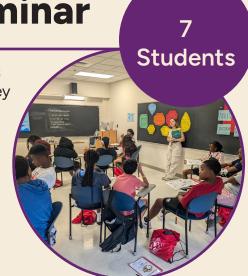
**Students** 

**Advanced Leadership Seminar** 

Students who had previously attended the Senior High Workshops were encouraged to attend the Advanced Leadership Seminar. They were taught strategies on how to share their story with others and weigh the risks when making decisions.

"I really got a chance to learn about what I am capable of. And even though I was mostly quiet in group work my ideas were still heard."

- MLW Participant



# Anne Arundel Community College Kids in College Camps

AASCE sponsored six different Kids in College (KIC) camps at AACC for middle school students over five weeks. Each summer camp opportunity was a weeklong and took place on AACC's Arnold campus.

#### **Advanced Robotics**

Students programmed a robot to overcome daily class challenges using visual and text-based programming, observing first-hand how their program translated into action as they attempted to control their robot sensors and maneuver around obstacles.



8 Students

5 Students

## Beats and Jams: Digital Music Creator

Students designed their own beats or remixed a mashup of their favorite songs to become a digital composer and sound engineer. Students learned to produce digital music, record sound, make sound effects, and mix their own tracks.

#### **Entrepreneurship Boot Camp**

Students explored entrepreneurship through activities that took them through the process of starting their own business. They learned business skills, pitched their business concepts, and discovered ways to turn their creative ideas into money.

19 Students



#### Kids in the Kitchen

Students learned and prepared new dishes every day, based on Cuisine Themes, like American, Mexican, Asian, Italian, and Desserts. They learned culinary vocabulary and techniques as well as food and kitchen safety, food presentation, and the best way to serve food.

Two campers wrote the instructor of Kids in the Kitchen a poem with a drawing.

4 Sessions

46 Students

#### **Skilled Trades**

Students discovered the many options the world of skilled trades offers. They received firsthand experience in carpentry, electrical, and HVAC, along with taking an in-depth look at possible degrees and career opportunities.



**Students** 

12 **Students** 

#### YouTube Content Creators

Students explored the variety of content and personalities on YouTube and how to find their own niche, on-camera presence, and branding. Students learned the Dos and Don'ts of the platform and how to practice good digital citizenship.