



Fusion 2.0 Pathways Camp

Newsletter #1
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WELCOME: The first week of any program is often when we learn about each young person and also how we can gauge and/or tweak Valued Educational Services' curriculum to ensure that every child, over the course of the camp, will build at least one competence and showcase their strengths. It is welcoming when we are able to have objective conversations with parents, to provide feedback, and they are receptive—it is a cooperative effort, all in the best interest of the child.

Overall, this week has been a joy for us as we watched and listened to children analyze technical aspects of the poem, "When Closed Doors Open" written by Dr. Moncrieffe. Every child who was present on Thursday participated in the poetry class. We saw as well that they took seriously their future obligations as we discussed their personalized plans, paths they want to pursue, and concepts of Economics made relatable by way of our sessions in "Math, Money, and the Market".

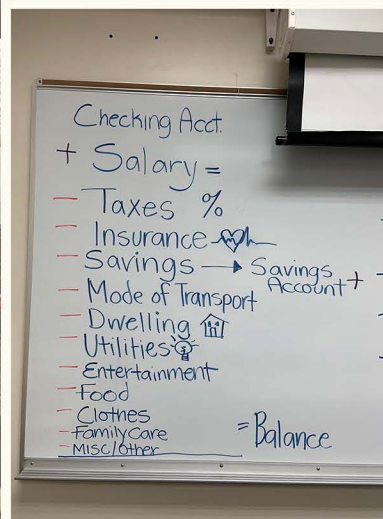
~ Marcia E. Moncrieffe, Esq. Camp Manager, Certified Life Coach and Certified Mediator

Campers' Quotes

The counselors do a great job of keeping us focused and on track. ~Ellie

I loved all the kindness I've been given and received. I really learned how to be a true leader here! I have learned a lot from my campmates, really. ~Mila.

I've experienced a joyful time and very informational and interactive. ~ Ismaeel



Thank you to all the children who actively participated in every class and completed all the assignments on time. Also, a special shout-out to the campers who made efforts and those who became more engaged each passing day.

BRAVO to you!

Remember: "Every misstep is an opportunity to make a better step forward". After all, as humans, regardless of our ages and what we think we know, there is more to learn in order to support positive growth.



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Argentinian Culture permanency Human Rights
NEW WORDS AND CONCEPTS LEARNED
Magical Realism Brazilian Culture
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Intern's Corner

I am so happy to help as an intern. Observing is interesting as well. Seeing how the participants learn something new each day is so great and how they get closer with their new friends. Ms. Lira's relaxing sessions really help the mind and body and give positive attitudes toward everyone. Overall, this summer camp is very educational and can really impact your day. ~ Alli



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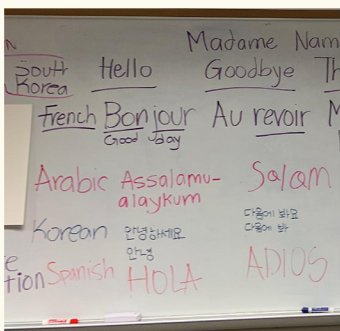
ONWARD: The second week started with reviews and gently built on the progress of the previous week. We encouraged parents to talk with their children about their days. As from their reflections, we are pleased about all the feedback.

Our professional speaker came to us this week from Paris France. Madam NAMBÈLÈ was creative and relatable as she shared her journey from Central Africa to France, to include her many professional achievements. The children exercised their communication and confidence skills that we have been working on with them—from their introductions to asking questions and remaining attentive. Madam NAMBÈLÈ did a fantastic job interweaving the story of the Le Petit Prince, written by Antoine De Saint-Exupéry, into her presentation that included several positive life lessons for the children. Thank you, Madam NAMBÈLÈ.

~ Marcia E. Moncrieffe, Esq. Camp Manager, Certified Life Coach and Certified Mediator

Camper's Quote

It was such a great time being here in VES/Dallas College Camp. I really enjoy what we learned the past 2 weeks.
~ Gionie



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Model United Nations

Campers as diplomats, representing Greece, Germany, India, Egypt, Sudan, Mexico, Nigeria, the Bahamas, Ireland, South Korea, and Portugal



A gem to share: Give today your best efforts,
and tomorrow will take care of itself.

~ Elizabeth George

Intern's Corner

This week at camp has been full of learning and fun! I've had a chance to participate and help out with Meditation, Spanish, Math, and Writing activities. Most the participants have been doing a great job staying focused, being creative, and trying new things. It's been great to see them grow and enjoy each part of the day. Being part of this camp has helped me to build confidence, improve my communication skills, and see what it is like to work in an educational setting. Each day brings something new, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to grow in such a supportive space. ~ Allie

Bolivian Culture

Allegory

UN Charter

Jack Kilby

Social Security

NEW WORDS AND CONCEPTS LEARNED

Payroll deduction calculations

World Heritage Sites

Nikola Tesla

Peruvian Culture

slant rhyme

Integrated Circuit Chip

Week 2: Highlights

Language, Literature, and Poetry: Each camper was assigned to apply their knowledge gained in the sessions to create their very own poem. They were each given different prompts and asked to write a poem based on the scenario, using one of the three following poetry-related terms we had taught them about—Magical Realism, Rhyme, and Allegory.

Our camper, Ifeoluwa, was assigned: Giving A Speech To Your Class that should use Magical Realism. **She wrote: “This speech walked to class before I did. It sat in my seat tapping its foot, waiting for me to catch up. I did not plan every word, some just showed up, like rain on a clear day. So if it feels like a dream maybe that’s because it is.” ~ Ifeoluwa**

GREAT JOB, IFEOLUWA!

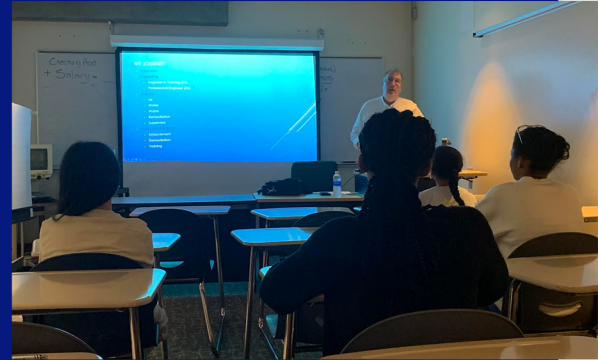
Math, Money, and the Market: Chances are if you discuss with your children payroll deductions, this will be familiar to them. They will understand and/or may even be able to show you their calculations of Social Security, Medicare, FUTA, and the Income Tax deductions, based on the profession they are thinking about and the present-day salary associated with the profession. Thanks to all the children who are working with us through their individual calculations, and a **SPECIAL CONGRATS TO MILA**, who completed all the calculations of the week.

Focus on our VES 7 Cs Model: Through our session topics, discussions, and assignments throughout this week, we highlighted building **Critical Thinking** skills in our campers. Critical Thinking is one of the core competences we focus on in our 7 Cs Model.

A camper who has consistently recalled, analyzed, and who thinks critically wrote, **“Being a critical thinker is being a creative problem-solver. Don’t be afraid to share your opinions, having a voice is also a huge part in being a critical thinker.”**
~ Natalya

Week 3: Highlights

Professional Speakers Series: On Wednesday, Mr. Dale Thrush, P.E. attended in person and shared his work as a consultant, in industry, and currently as an environmental engineer. He spoke about how he was inspired to choose his profession and how so many aspects of our daily lives are made easier and accessible by engineering. We especially like what he shared about the years needed to become an engineer, and the different types of engineers. As he said, "an engineer uses science and Mathematics to solve problems." Important as well is the work he does for the United States Environmental Protection Agency, helping to ensure that human health and the environment are protected.



On Thursday, via Teams from Vienna, Austria, Mr. Christoph Angster was our professional speaker. He is the representative for Austria at the United Nations on the subcommittee for the Human Rights of Older Persons and holds a deputy position in his national agency where he manages a team of 16 employees. Several campers made their introductions to him in German, as they had practiced with Dr. Moncrieffe in preparation. Mr. Angster, shared his journey through many life lessons.

The campers were then able to recall many of the lessons in their own words: "Say no to drugs and alcohol." • "Always ask for help." • "If you have an opportunity to leave your country and experience other countries, do so." • "Failure is part of success." • "Use your talent and skills, because in life you do not know what will happen." Other relevant subject matters he addressed overlapped with our camp's Model UN sessions.



Math, Money, and the Market: We were especially pleased to see Ethan's preparation for the Math, Money, and the Market sessions this week. He came with data that he researched and applied many of the lessons he has been learning over the past weeks. Additionally, Ethan asked a fellow camper for help and was very helpful through answering questions. Overall, Ethan took more chances and cared more about understanding over getting something right.

BRAVO TO YOU, ETHAN!

Welcome: This week we were pleased to welcome a new camper, Trinity. And the way she settled into the camp, you would've never believed that she had just started with us. Thanks to all the campers who helped to make Trinity feel welcomed and helped us review.

GLAD TO HAVE YOU JOIN US, TRINITY!



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COMMITMENT: We endeavor to give our best while taking steps to secure short-term plans (with interim goals) and being purposeful to long-term goals. If your child attended Fusion 2.0 Pathways Camp for even one week, they can summarize their short- and long-term plans. They also know that their goals can be achieved if they stay committed to their plan, while being flexible and adaptable.

Throughout these four weeks, we helped campers work through their emotions and find ways to modulate. Also, we spoke about self-care and that they should distinguish their own thoughts from those of others. We encouraged space for mistakes, as growing up is a learning process. Importantly, we gave them activities and opportunities to be expressive—their voices are important, and they must be given a listening ear. With guidance, the choice is theirs to make, knowing that choices come with rewards and consequences. Essentially, we shared that if they are to become wise and more confident, they should be given opportunities to practice making their own decisions in a protective and caring environment.

~ Marcia E. Moncrieffe, Esq. Camp Manager, Certified Life Coach and Certified Mediator

Campers' Quotes

I will never give up on my dreams. ~ Trinity

Everyone deserves to be loved. ~ Ethan



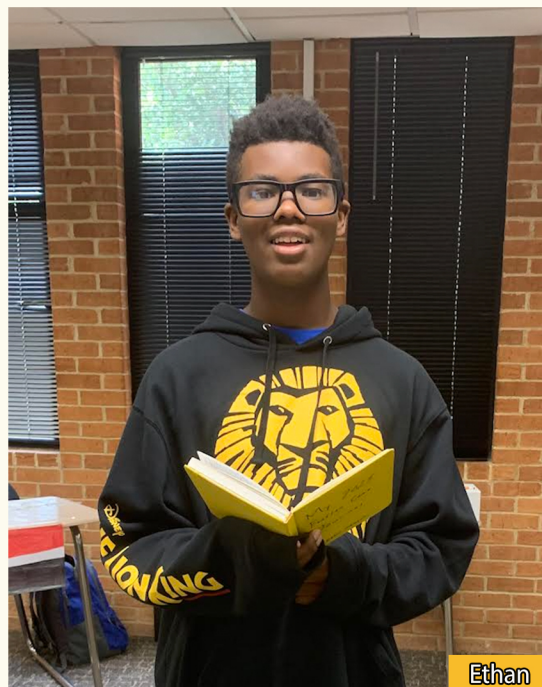
We thank you for the chocolates, Youssef!



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Richland College



Ethan

Pathways UN Charter
23 July 2025.

We the people of the Fusion United Nations declare for:

- 1) Peace: to come together as one without wars.
- 2) Protecting the Environment: minimize + prevent pollution + promote better health.
- 3) Preserving World Heritage: respect + inform about culture + history.

Alfonso Williams Rep. from Greece
Chadwell Rep. from Sudan
Natalya Rep. from Egypt
Kimball Rep. from France
Shirley Rep. from the Bahamas
Thelma Rep. from South Korea
Thelma Rep. from Nigeria



Spotlight: Ethan

Ethan is our Fusion 2.0 Pathways' All-Rounder Camper. Congratulations!

It took him a week or so to find his path, and once he did, he kept improving. He made great strides and efforts in different areas from writing creative poems and discovering his career path with independence to active participation in healthy debate. Ethan's playful and serious nature was a wonderful addition to the camp. We specially enjoyed Ethan's interpretation of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's quote of, "The heights by great men reached and kept..." when he said—"Don't sleep on your dreams." We ask you to live by your words, because your dreams can indeed become your reality.



We cannot borrow time. We cannot make or provide a loan of time. We cannot barter time. In any one moment, we cannot account for how much time we have, except the knowledge of now. Time is indeed a unique resource; it is to be treasured.

~ Elizabeth George

Week 4: Highlights

Professional Speakers Series: Our professional speaker came to us this week from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Ms. Laura Reyes-Maloney received her Juris Doctor degree from Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law, after being an excellent student in Mexico, San Antonio, and at Stanford University, California. For over 25 years, she worked as a partner in a law firm and for the last three years, manages her own law practice. Ms. Reyes-Maloney, through her thoughtful and heartfelt presentation, shared how her bilingual ability and bicultural heritage provided her with a solid foundation. She built upon this foundation with hard and smart work. And although at an early age she lost her dad in an accident, her mom took decisive actions to ensure that her and her sister experienced and grew from both cultures (Mexico and America).



When asked by our camper, Natalya, who inspired her, Ms. Reyes-Maloney shared that her mom is her inspiration. We are especially pleased that Ms. Reyes-Maloney emphasized the importance of contributing to community as community is one of Valued Educational Services' competencies taught in our 7 Cs model. Thank you Ms. Reyes-Maloney.

Inspiration: Being you is enough. You do not have to change for anyone. The most important person in your life isn't your friends, your followers, or anyone else, it's you. So take care of yourself. Be proud of who you are. Because at the end of the day, the only person you truly need to make proud is you. ~Alli

From us to you—an important message to all campers:

You are amazing in your own individual ways. We gave you the space to think, speak, work, and to give it your best. You are deserving, so apply yourself so that you may achieve your highest potential and soar. Sending you best wishes for your days ahead, and if a path becomes confusing or a bit difficult, look within to find a solution and ask for help if you need help.

And whatever your aspirations, ensure your efforts and work are congruently linked. We send hopes for happy days, contentment of your personal achievements, and the ability to embrace your individuality as you give consideration to others and community. Importantly, please be kind to yourself.

~ Dr. Melissa Moncrieffe, Director and Marcia Moncrieffe, Esq., Manager