Student Spotlight: Logan Rodriguez

Logan Rodriguez is a 4th grader who is naturally curious and is passionate about technology. Known as the tech-wizard of his family, he gravitates toward anything electronic and loves figuring out how things work. Logan was overjoyed when KidWorks launched its first-ever coding workshop, with the help of volunteer David Medrano.

During the workshop, students design their own app that can be played on a tablet or phone. Logan and David have formed a special bond over technology, and David has been thrilled to show Logan college-level concepts. What’s even more exciting is that Logan understands them!

Logan told his mom that he can’t miss a single week of his coding class so that he doesn’t get behind on his project. She is grateful that he gets to participate in a workshop that keeps him engaged in learning. Logan’s career goal is to be a doctor and he wants to find ways to use technology to help people.

KidWorks Students Explore STEM Careers - Thanks To Our Partners

Thanks to our corporate partners who planted seeds of hope and opened our students’ eyes to the many career possibilities available to them.

Preschool:
Each month, our youngest students study a different animal, reptile or bird. They recently visited Centennial Farm at the OC Fair Grounds, a working farm and pumpkin patch, learned how food is grown and planted a garden of their own at KidWorks.

Elementary (K-5th):
It’s “STEM Monday” thanks to our partners at PBS, who provide engaging, hands-on curriculum for students to learn concepts in engineering, science and technology. Volunteers from DPR, Construction, Fluor, Waste Management, and PIMCO hosted interactive workshops to supplement classroom learning.

Youth (6-12th):
Youth apply STEM concepts to real world applications. Students learned Global Interactive Mapping Software (GIS) from Esri to identify food deserts in Santa Ana and pinpoint where healthy food options are needed in the community. They also researched skate park locations and provided feedback for the planning process with support from UC Irvine’s School of Public Health. T-Mobile volunteers hosted a hands-on workshop where students designed cell phone towers and programmed drones.

We are always looking for new STEM partners to connect with our students. Please contact Sue Lynn Kim at (714) 834-9400 x120 to learn more.

2018 KidWorks Foundation for Success Luncheon Funds Another Year Of After-School Programs

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, a record-breaking $790,000 was raised to support transformative academic enrichment and leadership development programs for over 1,200 students and their parents.

The legacy of longtime KidWorks friend, Dan Donahue, continues as we presented the Dan Donahue Leadership Award to Steven L. Craig, President & CEO of Craig Realty Group. “Dollar for dollar, it’s clear that KidWorks makes the biggest impact on the lives of Santa Ana youth,” said Craig. “Our future is tied to their future - these young people will grow up to be our fellow neighbors, friends and leaders. With KidWorks, the results speak for themselves.”
Foundation for Success Luncheon (cont’d from page 1)

Attendees were also deeply moved by keynote speaker Cory Hahn’s inspirational message. Cory was headed toward a great baseball career. His life was dramatically altered when he suffered from a life-changing injury while sliding into second base and was paralyzed from the waist down. Despite his injuries, he graduated from ASU and is now working for the Arizona Diamondbacks as a professional baseball scout.

He also met with KidWorks youth to share his inspirational message. “It was inspiring to hear how he chased down his dreams in baseball and is now chasing a new set of dreams both professionally and personally,” said KidWorks alumni, Edgar Morales.

To view event photos and learn more about our 2019 luncheon visit: www.kidworksoc.org/foundation-for-success

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Walk through the doors at any of KidWorks four centers and you’ll immediately sense why we’re so optimistic about the future. Students are deeply motivated. Staff is fully energized. And, partners like you are walking alongside us on this incredible journey. Together we are providing a safe haven and are a trusted resource for over 1,200 students and their parents who benefit from our programs and community involvement.

In addition to providing high quality, relationally-based after school programs, we are focused on five key areas for 2019:

- One-on-one mentoring for our college students
- Expanding our youth nights and activities at our KidWorks Dan Donahue Center
- Growing our STEM and literacy programs for students in grades K-5
- Launching the KidWorks Alumni Network
- Expanding vital partnerships with civic and corporate groups

Follow us on social media and read our blog to stay engaged in all the great happenings at KidWorks. We are deeply grateful for each of you who help to provide the resources and support that enable us to make a meaningful difference in countless lives. Thank you! — David Benawie, Executive Director/CIO of KidWorks.

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