Dear AYA Community,

We hope you’re all doing well and staying cool in these hot summer days! The Covid virus continues to be a serious threat, so we hope you’ve all taken the steps necessary to get vaccinated and protect your health, your families and communities.

Our summer programs have provided creative ways for students to apply themselves through Financial Literacy, Storytelling and Life Skills workshops, all online. We want to acknowledge our partners, Citizens Business Bank, +Me Project, and Pasadena Public Health Department’s LMFT, Tere Montalvo for their program support.

As students get ready to start school, we are ready to support their success with tutoring and academic assistance in partnership with Pasadena City College’s Hixon Teacher Prep Program. We will also continue the popular Life Skills workshops, and hold our first peer-led Financial Management workshops.

If you have a special request for a particular workshop topic, reply to this email with your suggestions. We’d love to hear from you!

Upcoming Workshops

- **Dimes to Dollars** - begins August 17 - A peer-led financial literacy program for middle and high school students with topics such as Income, Budgeting, Investing and Saving.
- **Homework Help** - begins September 1, Wednesdays @ 4:00 pm
- **Life Skills Workshops for Teens** - begins Sept. 7, facilitated by Tere Montalvo, LMFT

All activities will be held virtually to keep our students, facilitators and staff safe until further notice.

Are we connected on Instagram or Facebook? Our event dates and reminders are posted here. Follow us!

Career Path Mentorship Program

Building relationships that support us through the different stages of our life is a benefit we can all appreciate. As students prepare to finish high school, the professional relationships they created through our Career Path Program make a difference in more ways than one. In June, 21 junior and senior high school students from throughout the San Gabriel Valley completed their 6 month mentorship program with mentors from Southern California Edison’s Business Resource Group, LEAD (Latinos for Education, Advancement and Development).

Regular meetings were held via Zoom, January through June, and by the end of the program, students had prepared and reviewed their resumes with their mentor, participated in a mock interview, received a Certificate of Completion and personalized Letter of Recommendation for their future applications. We’re excited to foster these relationships through mentorship and look forward to our cohort staying connected.
FEEDBACK FROM OUR STUDENTS

“I loved learning more in-depth about resumes since I really didn’t know about them before. I also loved meeting my mentor.”

“I loved the meeting and learning new resources I never heard of and how to use them.”

“I’ve said this plenty of times, but I’m having a lot of fun!”

“I enjoyed connecting with my mentor and getting feedback on my goals and how to make a resume that stands out.”

“I got a lot of good information about the college application process and scholarships, and what techniques would be helpful in high school, and what aspects I should look for in college.”

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