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CAREER DEVELOPMENT – LAKESIDE STUDENTS GAIN LIFE SKILLS AT AMERITOWNER



Young AmeriTowne® of Kansas hosted Lakeside Junior High in October, with 25, 8th graders in attendance. Located in Lenora, Kansas, Young AmeriTowne® features 10, life-like, business shops, which these students had the opportunity to run for the day. This spring, 12 more northwest and north central Kansas schools will attend. By the end of May, 861 students will have participated since we opened in 2019. (Had COVID not happened, we would have topped 2,000!)

Lakeside's Kaden M. and Gabe S. were "co-workers" in the Towne's TV Station, Super-Station YATK. Kaden writes, "Thank you for the fun time and learning. I learned a lot while being manager in the TV Station: more responsibilities, to be organized, and teamwork."

Gabe also enjoyed the experience and adds, "Thank you so much for the opportunity to learn what being an adult was like. I was the TV reporter and I hope you liked our commercials. I know math, science, and English are important, but so is writing checks, deposit slips, and managing money. So thank you for teaching us that."

TV reporters like Kaden and Gabe use an iPad to capture video and interview Towne citizens. Commercials and interviews are shown during lunch.

At Young AmeriTowne®, students learn the principles of a free-enterprise system, including budgeting, managing a checking account, saving, investing, and much more. This program is geared towards 4th-8th grades.

Now Accepting 2021-22 Enrollments! For more information, please visit us at www.nex-generation.org or call 877-567-7872.

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INTERNSHIPS Over 140 PAID Internships Available This Summer



College and high school students <u>apply NOW</u> through March 1 for the Nex-Generation Student Internship Program!

- 9-weeks, PAID, summer internships
- Wide variety of career fields
- Hands-on skills
- Local communities
- Local businesses
- Eligibility:
 - College or high school students, age 16+
 - Living in or attending school in the 28, NW/NC Kansas counties

Pictured above is third-year, Nex-Generation Intern, Maggie Malmberg, of Phillipsburg. A college student, she has interned at three, different, medical centers over the past three years. In 2020, she interned with Phillips County Health Systems. As she reflects on her summer, she says her two favorite days were surgery and the outpatient clinic. "In surgery, I watched a gallbladder removal, scopes, and carpal tunnel. I even got to cut open the gallbladder to see the stones inside!" Among her many opportunities, she enjoyed shadowing a cardiologist and observing many areas of both the clinic and hospital. "This internship really helped confirm my desire to go into medicine as a physician. I loved talking to patients and learning about their conditions. I feel like I have much more respect for each member of the healthcare team and what goes into making each patient feel welcomed and cared for."

WORK STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ALSO AVAILABLE

In addition to the summer internships, ten businesses are hosting students in the Nex-Generation Work Study/Apprentice Scholarship program during the spring semester. Participants gain hands-on and professional skills for a few hours each day, all while attending school. Thirteen college students and high school seniors are participating this semester and will be eligible for \$500 scholarships in May. Altogether, 51 students have participated since 2016. Some participate in both work study and summer internships. Students and businesses may apply for this program at any time.

Businesses wishing to host an Intern or Work Study student may contact us for further information at 877-567-7872 or read about the programs on our <u>website</u>. Students interested in Work Study or a Summer Internship should complete an <u>online application</u> today!

ENTREPRENEURSHIP - YouthBiz® Program Now Available to Schools



Nex-Generation now offers YouthBiz®, an entrepreneurship curriculum for middle and high schools in northwest and north central Kansas. Through YouthBiz®, young people participate in all levels of entrepreneurship, from learning the basics of developing a business idea, to marketing and selling a real product. Further, this program teaches 21st Century Skills in a hands-on way: students learn critical thinking, collaboration, communication, information literacy, initiative, creativity, and accountability. Students build self-awareness, develop a greater income/earning potential, improve academic achievement, gain resiliency, and develop a stronger connection to community. They also increase problem-solving, collaboration, and salesmanship skills.

Middle school and high school is a perfect time to introduce these concepts. To learn more, please contact Mendi Anschutz, Nex-Generation's public relations/marketing director, at manschutz@nex-tech.com or call 877-567-7872.

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YOUR FINANCIAL GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Nex-Generation relies on the financial gifts of donors like you. Your gift of any size will help students like Kaden, Gabe, and Maggie develop important life skills and provide them with more opportunities to learn about local careers. Your gift will help us to further our mission to not only educate students about what the area has to offer, but also encourage them to remain here or return home.

Won't you help today?

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Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth, Inc., is a 501(c)(3), charitable organization located in Lenora, Kansas, and established in 2013. Our mission is to educate northwest and north central Kansas students about local career opportunities by providing and supporting programs in career development, entrepreneurship, and internship. Through these efforts, we hope to foster a positive sense of community and encourage youth to remain or return home to prosper.

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