



Second Quarter Program Highlights

GAP Students Attend YouthBuild Global Program in Louisville Kentucky

Erika Ryan (Healthcare Pathway Manager) had the opportunity to travel with four members of this year's Healthcare Pathway Cohort on a service-learning exchange trip to Louisville Kentucky in November 2024. During the trip, the GAP School Cohort had the opportunity to meet and collaborate with the Blueprint502 Cohort. Check out the video our friends at Blueprint 502 made in memory of the trip by scanning the QR code!



Five Graduates This Quarter Through the GAP School Grad Plan Program

GAP School is proud to congratulate five students on completing the GAP School Grad Plan Program so far this year! The GAP School Grad Plan Program allows students who are past their originally planned graduation year to earn a high school diploma without having to attend a full school day on a regular basis. Students complete credits in the four main academic areas through competency based testing. Although competency based testing is similar to GED Tests, Grad Plan students receive a regular high school diploma. This program began in January of 2024 with five students, and one year later has over 30 students participating. In that time, nine students have graduated, including five students just this quarter! Fourteen more are over 75% done with their Grad Plan and on pace to graduate by June of 2025.

Second Quarter Stipends

During GAP School's Second Quarter, more than 50 students earned credit stipend awards! Stipend awards range from \$300 to \$600 and are earned by students who make progress towards their education goals and credit attainment during the quarter. We are so proud of these students and the work they have put in to earn these stipends!



CNA Students at HeartCert

Students in this the Healthcare Pathway cohort are working hard practicing their CNA Clinical Skills. In January, students had the opportunity to practice their skills at HeartCert, a local business dedicated to helping individuals earn various licenses and certifications in the healthcare field.



GAP Alumnus Feature - Tyson Schultz Accepted into Local Plumber's Union

We're excited to share that GAP School Alum, Tyson Schultz, was officially accepted into the Plumbers Local 34 of Saint Paul union!

After finishing his school credits in January of 2024, Tyson chose to stay on with the YouthBuild Construction Pathway program and work solely on the house construction site for the school day to finish his AmeriCorps service-learning hours. During this time from January to April, he became a site leader and supported the construction staff. He often led groups of students on tasks at the site. During this period, he also went on to complete solar panel installation training and was the first student to pass the test at that site. Tyson became a model student and truly embodied the spirit of service here at our program.



Construction Pathway Program Updates

Construction Students have been hard at work this quarter, making progress on the Page Street house while also attending various site visits and events in the community. In January, students attended a tour at The Nine at Lexington Station where they learned about the construction on the recently completed complex, and various career opportunities at the facility. Earlier this month, students also attended the “Construct Tomorrow” event at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds where the cohort had the opportunity to learn about different trades and try hands-on trade activities.



Important Dates:

- March 27: Half-Day (End of Quarter 3)
- March 28-April 4: No School (Spring Break)
- May 1: Half-Day (Professional Development)
- May 2: Half-Day (Mid-Quarter Negotiations)
- May 3: Cinco de Mayo Celebration
- May 16: Half-Day, Prom!
- May 26: No School (Memorial Day)
- June 4: Half-Day (Graduation)
- June 5: Half-Day (Last Day of School)
- June 10: Summer School Registration
- June 11-July 18th: Summer School
 - No Class June 19-20 and July 3-4

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GAP School's mission is to empower communities challenged by transition and poverty through education and enrichment opportunities, social and emotional support, and training that leads to employment.

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