



2025 Summer School Highlights

Construction Pathway Updates

Work has continued on the second Page Street house over the summer with a number of students working daily to meet our approaching deadline for completion!

Inside the house, students have been taping, mudding, and painting. On the exterior, they have been putting up siding. A number of student workers will continue work for the rest of the summer while getting paid!



Healthcare Pathway Updates

It was announced over the summer that GAP School was named Living Well's 2025 Community Partner Dreammaker Award Winner! The award honors an individual or organization whose work in the community has made a significant difference in the lives of the people Living Well serves. GAP School Healthcare Pathway Manager, Erika Thurston, will accept the award at Living Well's annual gala in August.



Internship Opportunities

For the past few years, Foci Minnesota Center for Glass Arts has offered classes to students as part of Project for Pride in Living's LEAP (Learn and Earn to Achieve Potential) program. This year, GAP School student, Jacob, was accepted to a hands-on glass arts program hosted by the Corning Museum of Glass in New York over the summer!



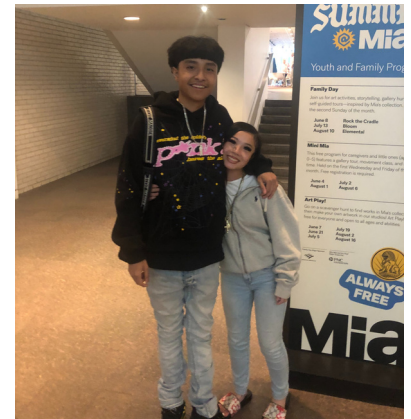
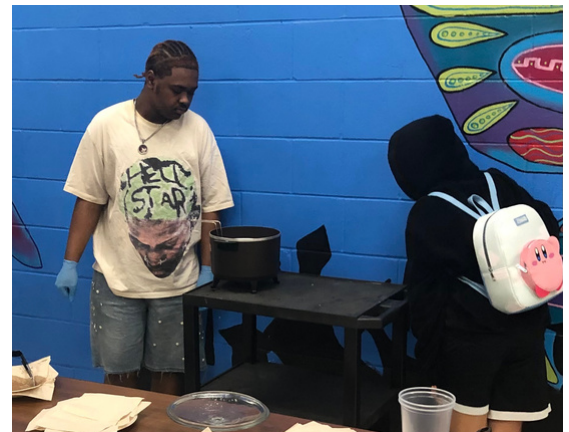
College Tour

A group of students visited The College of Saint Scholastica in Duluth this summer. Looks like a lot of fun was had by all!



Field Trips and Activities!

- A highlight of the summer was visiting the Minneapolis Institute Of Arts where students went to see the Giants exhibit. “Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys” is a groundbreaking exhibition that marks the first major showcase of the Dean Collection, owned by renowned musicians and cultural icons Swizz Beatz (Kasseem Dean) and Alicia Keys. Organized by the Brooklyn Museum, “Giants” highlights nearly 100 significant works by Black diasporic artists.
- “Tasty Tuesday” was an activity that we did where students picked what they would like to cook. Some of the food selected and cooked by students were Philly Cheesesteak egg rolls, quesadillas, grilled and fried chicken, and more!
- Other field trips included ice cream at Nelson’s, Valley Fair, visiting the Minnesota State Capitol, visiting Willow River State Park, and tubing on the Apple River in Wisconsin!





We celebrated another great session of summer school with an ice cream party on the last day!

Important Dates

- August 27: Back to School Registration
- September 2: First Day of School
- September 17: Half-Day (Professional Dev.)
- October 3: Half-Day (Mid-Quarter Negotiations)

GAP SCHOOL'S MISSION STATEMENT

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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