

# GLOBAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER



**Alone we can do  
so little. Together  
we can do so  
much.**

The world needs us.

### Our Global Community Service Project

The Global Youth Leadership Council (YLC) is excited to announce a service project they designed specifically for BTE youth around the globe. Join the YLC as they facilitate a webinar focusing on mindfulness, self-care, and methods to maximize performance.

#### **Webinar 1 (English):**

Saturday, May 23rd at 10:00 AM EDT

#### **Webinar 2 (Spanish):**

Sunday, May 24th at 10:00 AM EDT

Site Coordinators will be provided a link to share with their participants.

### Featured Site: Yokneam, Israel

In this newsletter, we will be highlighting the BTE site in Yokneam, Israel. They have had a very meaningful quarter! The students are in their senior year and are going strong. The focus was motivating the students; showing them what they can do in their future and how BTE can help them get there. To achieve this, they have engaged in motivational workshops once a week. This keeps their self esteem and confidence up. Alongside the workshops, they have done other activities including two academic tours, which opened doors and showed the students something new. They also had a fun day at an amusement park. BTE- Yokneam participants are heading towards a great future with the steps leading to success!

## What have our sites been up to?

Here's a list highlighting each of our sites' activities during this past quarter!

- East London, South Africa: Two students served as ambassadors at ABTS in New Jersey, which enthused and motivated other students!
- Limerick, Ireland: The Junior Achievement Career Success Programme was delivered to the Thomond Community College. Job shadowing opportunities took flight and students learned about Automation and Process Engineering.
- Bracknell, England, United Kingdom: Students created their own event in line with a project brief which enabled them to raise money for a chosen charity.
- High Wycombe, England, United Kingdom: The students focused on study skills, information literacy, impartiality of data, validation of research and stress management strategies.
- Mexico City, Mexico: Students were able to explore various options to help discover Health and Social Science careers.
- Las Piedras, Puerto Rico: Students job shadowed at McNeil Consumer Healthcare. They also participated in UPR Rio Piedras Campus Open House, as well as participated for the third consecutive time in the Chemistry Festival with their own orientation boost station.
- Bound Brook, New Jersey, USA: On an exciting trip to J&J's New York Design Center, the students learned about brand creation, crafting breakthrough packaging, and branding of retail. They were even able to create their own brands!
- New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA: The students went on a trip to Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and they were fortunate to have a variety of medical students teach them about the brain, heart, liver and lungs. They even got to touch some organs!
- Norristown, Pennsylvania, USA: This quarter the students focused heavily on college planning and financial aid support, coordinating financial aid workshops and working with their NAHS College and Career Counselor. Students also had a wonderful community service activity at a local nursing home.
- Athens, Georgia, USA: The students took a field trip to the University of Georgia U-Garden where they toured the gardens and received extensive information about sustainable agriculture, medicinal herbs, and careers in related fields.
- Trenton, New Jersey, USA: Students learned about mental health from a presentation by the Janssen Neuroscience team and NAMI about ending the silence and stigma surrounding mental health.



Photo ID: Norristown students give back to local nursing home.



# Ever Upward!

Within the past year, all of our students in Bridge to Employment have engaged in productive and skill inducing experiences that will undoubtedly stick with and prepare them for their futures. Two sites in particular have already sealed off the monumental chapter in their lives that was Bridge to Employment and begun the ascents into the next journeys of their lives. Our sites in Auckland, New Zealand, and Yumbo, Colombia have both recently bid farewell to their students and held BTE student graduations. To celebrate their continuing accomplishments, we reflect on the lessons and hard work that got them there.



Photo ID: Students and mentors at the BTE Auckland graduation ceremony

Students at the BTE- Auckland site engaged in workshops that refined their communication skills, such as body language, elevator pitches, and handshakes, effectively preparing them for the professional world that they will soon take part in. Along the way, the students were able to kick back and have a little fun during a Waka (Boat) Day Camp that allowed them to establish and deepen a sense of pride and belonging in who and where they are from as Pacific Islanders. Their year came to a bittersweet end, marked by a very emotional and memorable end of program graduation where all of the students were honored and celebrated for their participation in BTE.



Photo ID: BTE Yumbo family

Students at the BTE- Yumbo site were able to develop a plethora of technical skills and establish long and short term goals during their final year of BTE. On a trip to a Fabrication Laboratory at one of Colombia's highest ranked Universities, the students were able to engage in activities that introduced them to certain hard skills like vectorization of bitmaps, laser cutting practices, cutting and engraving, and handling of Boolean operations. To finish off their year, the Yumbo site had tremendous interaction with Johnson & Johnson and its facilities. With the help of J&J mentors and volunteers, the students ended their year with a glimpse of the professional world through a job shadowing program that introduced them to the expansive world of trade careers.