

Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Council (MYLAC)

November 21st, 2020

Minutes

Proceedings of the Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Council taken on November 21st, 2020 via Zoom and in-person commencing at 9:00 am.

Committee Members Attending

Sasha Blackshear, Hayden Collins, Sarah Copeland, Cameron Demery, Onyekachi Egemonu, Nidhi Patel, Rodney Wells, Claude Wright, Katie Carlson, Arianna Glover, Tess Miller, Jakhya Wilkins, Jennifer Zheng, Jeanley Boursiquot, Maurice Chakour, Olivia Gillis, Rae Merrifield

Staff Attending

KK Cherney, John Everett

(9:13) Roll Call

- Cameron Demery moved to accept the minutes by consensus
- Claude Wright seconded that motion

(9:22) Tina Clark

- Non-profit organizations to help teens (young adults)
- Been Jax since 2015
- Talked about the 3 phases (public speaking networking)
 - Learning and development
 - Internship \$300 every 2 weeks
- Talked about grit and determination
- Any FSCJ student
- January 25, 2021
- tclark@yearup.org

(9:32) Rodney Wells introduces Leah Lynch

- Leah Lynch talks about her experience with Goodwill employment
- Talked about Goodwill's mission to provide mission to provide employment
- Gave a brief history of Goodwill
 - Locations that Goodwill covers

- Founded 1902
- Locally founded 1940
- Talked about the growth of local Goodwill through the years
- Gave a brief description of how Goodwill stores operate and how donations are managed
- Explained how they are embedded at FSCJ/ talked about various places that Goodwill can be found helping education
- Take Stock in Children Duval
 - High graduation rates
 - Start college talk in 6th grade
- Talked briefly about Goodwill volunteer opportunities
- Contact Information: llynch@goodwilljax.org
- Take stock in children
- Fastweb or Scholarly are both places that help finding scholarship opportunities
- Discussed the importance of having a solid 4-year plan (financially)
- Importance of sustainability in college

****KK Cherney****

- Discussed the importance of Bylaws
- Announced that the next meeting will be on December 19, 2020
- Importance of reading agendas
- Importance of maintaining your GPA
- Importance of participation in meetings

(10:04)Kristen Carter (Program Manager of Take Stock in Jacksonville)

- Gave a brief history of take stock in children
- Spoke about their mission to help provide financial aid help with low income students
- College success coaches are available
- Eligibility
 - DCPS students
 - 6th-9th grade
 - 2.0 GPA or higher
 - Free or reduced lunch eligible
 - Good behavior
 - Willing to meet with volunteer mentor
- takestockjax.org
- Mentor eligibility

- Over 18
- Complete application
- Mentor training
- Commit to 1 year of mentoring
- ****Applications are available on the website listed above****
- Discussed some of the various events with students including fun outings, college tours, senior recognition, senior send offs, financial aid night, family dinner, and college expo
- Contact Information (Kristen Carter)
 - (904)730-1872
 - kcarter@takestockjax.org
 - Mercedes New, Mentor Coordinator (904)384-1361 x4257, mnew@takestockjax.org
- Discussed the difference between scholarships, grants and loans
- Importance of seniors completing the FAFSA application
- Apply for the Bright Futures
- Don't pay for scholarships
- Look into Civic Scholarships

**** (10:38) Break ****

**** (11:20) Broke into committees ****

**** (12:56) Returned committees**

- Mental health and focus issue presented their committee reports

**** Announcements ****

- Supply drive
- Send Ms.KK updated email and phone number (all members)
- Reminder to read the agenda
- There is a need for a new keeper of the door

(1:00) Rodney Wells moves to adjourn the meeting Nidhi Patel seconds the motion