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Service Opportunities, Summer Programs, and Charity Drives

**Loyola Academy**, held **June 14-18**, will focus on learning about the formation of southeast Louisiana, the founding of New Orleans, gray and green infrastructure, and creating the best tools for educating the community about **sustainably embracing water in our city**. This summer collaborative design and science workshop will work on innovative approaches to solving environmental issues, specifically an environmental education project linked to the Gentilly Resilience District to sustainably live *with* water. Included are presentations from scientists, engineers, community neighborhood associations, and nonprofits, as well as experiential learning components, including field trips and design thinking activities. Space is limited, so please **apply by May 31** at this link.

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This summer, the **Gilder Lehrman Institute** is pleased to offer seven free **History School** courses, led by award-winning history teachers. **Programs for middle and high school students include** The Global Cold War, "History in the Making": A
Gilder Lehrman Collection Project, and Immigration and the American Story. **Programs for high school students include** AP United States Government and
Politics: Foundational Documents and AP United States History, Test Preparation.

Registration for History School opens on **May 26** and classes begin in June. **Want to be alerted when registration opens?** Sign up <a href="here">here</a>. Visit <a href="this page">this page</a> to learn more about our Summer History School and email historyschool@gilderlehrman.org with any questions.

The University of Holy Cross is offering a **Food Science Paid Lab Internship at \$15/hour this summer.** You will learn about food microbiology, chemistry and processing skills for 18 hours/week from June 7 to Aug. 6. The program will be held on the University of Holy Cross campus and is rising juniors and seniors with a 3.0 GPA or above. For more info, email foodscience@uhcno.edu

**AI Fluency** is an artificial intelligence boot camp for high schoolers taught exclusively by **MIT**, **Stanford**, **Harvard and Oxford** PhDs, students and alumni. The fully online remote bootcamp has **no mandatory homework**, and will guide you from little or no coding experience to AI fluency. This will make students **stand out in college admissions**. They are offering a partial scholarship to all accepted BFHS students – code BFHSLA\_SCHOLARSHIP – given your focus on self-improvement, which is a value they share. This scholarship brings the price down significantly, from \$1,280 to only \$591.

## At the end of this workshop, students will:

- Have a final **AI project** presentation
- Receive a **graduation certificate** detailing all the technologies learned
- Create an **article** detailing your process and technologies
- Showcase your project presentation on our website
- Create a video presenting your project
- Send your article to **media** (we'll guide you through it)
- Showcase the project appropriately to **colleges**
- Join a network of AI experts, researchers, industry leaders, and top university alumni
- Join a **network of high-school** exceptionally passionate peers (after the course, students might end up working together in projects or become classmates in college)
- The top-performing student projects in a variety of areas will receive a variety of awards

Enrollment is open throughout the program (not just before the start date). You can see their <u>brochure</u> and their <u>website</u> to learn more. You can <u>apply here</u> for June Summer Program or July Summer Program - Monday-Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. **June 14-25** (cohort A), and Monday-Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. **July 5-16** (cohort B).

Whole Village Art Therapy is offering a free, virtual therapeutic art-based group for New Orleans high schoolers who self-identify as people of color to connect and explore their identities within a social justice framework. This group was created last summer in response to the racial injustices amplified within the political and social systems of the United States. New students can join on an ongoing basis until our community art making celebration on Juneteenth. This group is led by two art therapists of color and

there's no art experience required for students. To register for the BLM art group, call Holly at (504) 323-5278. Parents will need to sign a consent electronically and art materials will be safely delivered to the student's home. Groups are held virtually on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m

Rising 10th, 11th, and 12th graders who identify as writers and want something to get involved in to help cultivate that interest are encouraged to apply to join the Young Writers' Council. More info can be found <a href="https://example.com/here/NORDC">here/NORDC</a> is hiring summer lifeguards training is free and it pays \$12.57 per hour. Must be 16 & older. <a href="https://example.com/click/here">Click here</a> to refer to the flyer or contact Jezell Jones, Aquatics Coordinator, New Orleans Recreation Development Commission, 5420 Franklin Ave., New Orleans, LA 70122,(504) 658-3044 for more information.

**SELA Aquatics** is hiring for the summer, especially students intending to go into the medical field. Students would have to be certified in lifeguarding, first aid, CPR, and administering emergency oxygen. There is also a possibility of their certification class being reimbursed if they choose to do the signing bonus. If they get lucky, they may have the chance of being in a class that is being taught by our very own **Emily Baumgarten '22, Zoe Marquis '21, Naylor Stone '21,** or **Mann Boughton '21.** You must be 15 by the last day of your certification class. Visit <u>selaaquatics.com</u> for more information.

If you're looking for **community service options**, please check out <u>this document</u> from the Louisiana Department of Education.

Operation Spark, a nonprofit coding bootcamp that provides training in software development for adults and youth across Louisiana, is offering a **High School**Summer Coding Camp for students in Grades 10-12. The camp will be offered June 1 through July 1, in-person (following social distancing guidelines) at Operation Spark's new Bywater campus at 514 Franklin Ave. Students will also have the option to attend virtually from home. Applicants are encouraged to apply by **May 14** to ensure a spot. Sign up at: <a href="https://opsparkcodingcamp">https://opsparkcodingcamp</a>

Students finishing their **junior year** can apply to the **Team Tech Challenge**, a free virtual summer STEM program brought to you by Deloitte. In this free four-day challenge, students compete with teammates in a tech innovation challenge and prepare for the next step ahead: college. <u>Learn more about the challenge and how to apply</u> here.

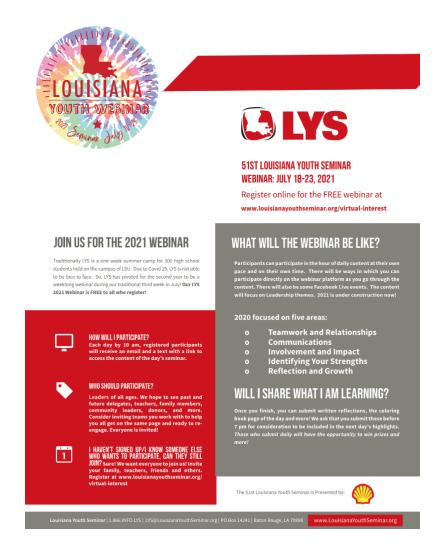
The **Federal Bar Association** is offering a <u>free annual summer civics education</u> camp based out of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. This camp is geared to **ninth and 10**<sup>th</sup> **grade** students.

The most recent list of **service opportunities** can be found <u>here</u>.

The **Month of Cranes** project has officially come to an end now, with over 70 gift bags delivered to Ochsner and Children's Hospital. The medical workers have expressed their appreciation for the gifts and are encouraged to work even harder because of the thoughtful thank-you notes and jars of cranes. As a commemoration of our project, we would like to take a yearbook picture of everyone who participated or helped out, including students and faculty members. Please join this <u>Zoom link</u> on **Wednesday**, **April 21**, from 11:20 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

The LED Arts dance summer intensive will be hosted by three Benjamin Franklin alums -- Laurynette Griffin '19, Dymond Davis '20, and Eric Shawn Williams '21. The intensive will span over three weeks, from June 14 to July 2, and is for young dancers aged 7 to 15 years old. Ballet, jazz, contemporary, musical theatre, and tumbling are the regularly offered classes. Also included in the intensive are discussions about minorities and often overlooked people in the dance community, a photo shoot, a résumé building class, choreography, and auditions workshops along with a final dance showcase! Check us out @theLEDarts on Instagram and Facebook or at our website <a href="https://www.theledarts.com">https://www.theledarts.com</a>. We hope to see you there!

**Louisiana Youth Seminar**, which will be held virtually from **July 18-23**, is filling up fast! Go to <a href="https://www.louisianayouthseminar.org/">https://www.louisianayouthseminar.org/</a> to learn more and register.



Calling all students who are passionate about **history**, **museums**, **and education**! Through **April 23**, The Historic New Orleans Collection is accepting applications for the Summer 2021 Derven Scholar. This paid internship is an opportunity to work with THNOC education staff to plan, research, and implement a virtual field trip. The internship will be fully remote and will include mentorship and opportunities to connect with staff across the organization. Learn more <a href="here">here</a>.

The United States Naval Academy is offering two summer programs:

**1. Summer STEM** is a six-day residential program for rising ninth, 10th, and 11th graders (**our current ninth and 10th graders**). During the program, campers

explore various paths to a future career in STEM. Students don't need to be interested in joining the Naval Academy to attend this great program.

**2. Summer Seminar** is open to **current 11th grade students** who are thinking of applying to the Naval Academy Class of 2024. If you are currently in your junior year of high school and considering the Naval Academy as your college of choice, we strongly recommend you consider applying to Summer Seminar. Summer Seminar will introduce you to life at the Academy.

Naval Academy Summer Seminar

Naval Academy Summer STEM

Jordan Williams '22 has been nominated to represent Ben Franklin as a candidate for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Student of the Year Campaign. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, or LLS, is a nonprofit organization that funds research to advance treatments for blood cancers, provides support to patients and their families, and advocates for policies to protect patients' access to treatments. Every year, the LLS has a Student of the Year Campaign in which students actively raise money for the LLS in the span of seven weeks. If you would like to support Jordan and her fundraising efforts, please click <a href="here">here</a>.