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Grantwell Visits We R Community

UNLV/Grantwell students Kirsten Dinicola and Josh Grainey took time in the fall to meet with We R Community students at Basic Academy of International Studies. The pair talked about important considerations when evaluating grant proposals. They also discussed career paths and job options, particularly in the field of public administration.

We R Community students had the opportunity to review three mock grant proposals and use a sample rubric to work in groups and determine which proposals they felt deserved funding. The student teams had to consider how innovative the proposal was as well as its potential for long-term impact. While analyzing the grant proposal, the students also analyzed whether the grant applicant was collaborating with other members of the community to help address the concern.

We R Community students had a much clearer understanding between a good idea and a good proposal after working with the Grantwell graduate students. The Public Education Foundation values its partnership with the Grantwell program and appreciates its commitment to working with We R Community high school students.

For more information about these activities and others, please contact We R Community at wrc@ccpef.org



Program Updates

Clark High School We R Community advisor Luanne Wagner has been working with the City of Las Vegas and its Cyber Academy for four years. The program is now moving into classrooms, and starting second semester, Clark WRC students will be learning how to incorporate government with philanthropy in multimedia presentations with the help of the IT department from the City of Las Vegas. In addition, a number of nonprofits have visited Clark's program, and the students were impressed by the many services Las Vegas has to offer the community. Students learned that the Salvation Army provides a wide variety of programs and is extending its outreach to the transgender community as well. Based on what they are learning in We R Community, a number of students have indicated that they will consider careers in the nonprofit sector after high school and college.



Volunteer Events

On January 17, 30 We R Community students from Cheyenne and Las Vegas High Schools met at Three Square to assist with the Backpack for Kids program. This was the first time for all of the volunteers to help out at Three Square. The students learned that the kid-friendly food bags are distributed to students in need at local schools on Fridays to help nourish them through the weekend. With music playing and everyone working together, the assembly line of volunteers put together 2,500 weekend meals in little over an hour!



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