

Rural Scholars Program

Fall, 2018

KENT STATE
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COLUMBIANA COUNTY
East Liverpool and Salem

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11th grade student from College Bootcamp.



11th grade students at College Bootcamp.

Summer Workshop SUCCESS

Summer 2018 was another busy one for the Rural Scholars program. A total of five weeks of workshops were held throughout the summer.

Our new 7th grade scholars participated in a week-long workshop focused on Soil & Water. Students toured many different operations throughout the county and learned the importance of environmental management in agricultural operations, learned about ecosystems in water ways, and volunteered at the Beaver Creek State Park.

Our 8th grade scholars participated in the Risky Business workshop, which helped students understand the world of insurance. Students participated in various hands-on activities to learn about insurance companies and the various careers in the insurance industry. Students received first-hand information from industry professionals, and even toured Progressive Insurance in Cleveland.

9th grade scholars participated in a workshop titled "Makers & Mechanisms" where they spent the week learning about building and creating things. Students were engaged with CAD through the Columbiana County Career Center, spent time creating things like robots and erector sets in their own makerspace, toured the Kent School of Architecture, and volunteered for Habitat for Humanity.

10th grade students enjoyed a workshop titled "Locationology" where they learned about their community. Students learned about geology and local mine reclamation, spent time doing chemical water sampling, visited the Salem Historical Society, visited the Youngstown Center for Industry & Labor Museum, and experienced the planetarium at Youngstown State University.

11th grade students spent a week at Kent State University participating in a capstone experience called College Bootcamp. Scholars lived on campus for a week, took college level courses like math, writing, biology, and a First-year-experience class taught by Kent faculty, and experienced college life.



7th grade scholars learned about soil Science from Mr. Mike Greiner from the University of Mount Union Nature Center.

"My favorite thing was working with Habitat for Humanity. I loved that I could help in some way."

9th grade scholar from Makers & Mechanisms workshop



8th grade students learning about x-ray technology during the Risky Business workshop

Fast Facts:

- ♦ The average high school GPA for our scholars is 3.43
- ♦ 91% of scholars report “doing their best work” at school.
- ♦ 94% of scholars stated they take responsibility for their decisions most of the time.
- ♦ 80% of scholars feel in control of their lives.
- ♦ Last year, scholars contributed over 1,000 hours of community service, through individual service and group projects like Beaver Creek State Park cleanup and Habitat for Humanity.

Questions?

Don't hesitate to contact us! We are here to help you.

You can contact Program Coordinator, Michelle Adkins by phone (330-337-4270), or by email (madkin12@kent.edu).

You can also follow The Rural Scholars Program on social media!



Fall 2018 Career Exploration Workshops

A Walk in a Nurse's shoes: (Date: Nov. 16) Spend the day with Kent Salem nursing faculty learning basic nursing skills (how to take blood pressure, insert IV's, etc.) and gaining insight into how health professionals get trained. Bonus: We may get a behind-the-scenes of Salem Hospital and experience the many areas of the nursing profession!

Engineering & Manufacturing (Oct. 26) Engineering is a field that continues to grow and is utilized all around us! Come with us as we visit a local manufacturer and learn how engineers design products and help with product development. We will also do some hands-on activities and tour the plant!

What's Growing in Horticulture (Date: Nov. 2) Spend a day on campus with college faculty and industry professionals from the Horticulture field. Listen as they talk about the many careers in this growing field! Immerse yourself in hands-on activities to explore the plant world and discover the many opportunities this industry can offer you!

Tell Me All About It: Broadcasting (Nov. 29) Radio broadcasting is an exciting industry and is a part of our everyday lives! Join us we visit the Kent State radio station, meet radio DJ's, get a behind-the-scenes tour of a radio station, and get a chance to hear yourself on the radio!

Be a Geographer for a Day (Nov. 30) Youth will experience being a geographer for a day and will learn the many different career opportunities in the field of geography! Students will be engaged in hands-on activities designed to help them understand water & environmental issues faced by communities around the world, will be given case studies to determine the where, why, & how of different activities and natural disasters, and will use current technologies to collect data, then analyze and map it.

Fall 2018 Skill Based Workshops

Cultivating Leadership Skills (Date: Nov. 9) Required for 9th graders. This workshop will be facilitated by CEO Ralph Lober of Consumers National Bank.

ACT Prep / CCP (Date: Oct. 17) Required for 10th graders. The theme will be ACT/SAT prep and CCP classes.

FAFSA Night (Oct. 9) 12th grade students and their families will be engaged in an information session on completing the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid and given support as they complete the application.



9th grade scholars volunteering for Habitat for Humanity