

YOUTHBUILD UPDATE

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All of the YouthBuild students continue to work hard in the classroom to be prepared to take and pass the GED. The following students will be going to take the GED Exam on May 31st and June 1st: Allison Motley, Benito Rodriguez, Joey Ferrell, and Jason Scarberry. We wish them the best of luck!!



Construction Update

Summer is upon us and so is the completion of the first YouthBuild house. The final stages are in the works and everyone is anxious with excitement to present this house within the next two months. The drywall is complete, windows installed, flooring laid down, cabinets installed, light fixtures hung, and now the students are working on painting the walls and finishing the trim. I could never express how amazing it is to see the accomplishments of all the hard work the YouthBuild students and staff have put into this house. Job well done!!

YouthBuild Panel Interviews

During the year, the YouthBuild students create portfolios showcasing their time in the YouthBuild program. The portfolios contain education, resume, career path, certificates of achievement, YouthBuild essay, and photographs. On May 16th, the YouthBuild Panel Interviews took place at the Douglass Centre. Each student presented his/her portfolio and was asked several thought provoking questions by the panel members. The interview process gave the students a chance to realize accomplishments achieved and goals set for the future. The students did a wonderful job!



Representing the YouthBuild Panel were Lance West, Marshall University; Tracy Straub, Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce; Brian Kilgore, Cabell County Probation Office; Janis Winkfield, Marshall University; Scott Crouch, Nationwide Insurance; and Michele Hargis, Huntington Housing Authority. We truly appreciate each of you for donating your time and supporting the YouthBuild Program. Thank You!!

Field Trips



On April 28th, the YouthBuild students and staff were able to take a trip to Carter Caves in Olive Hill, KY. We all had a great time exploring the caves and hiking on the trails.

Some of the students and staff also enjoyed a short trip on horseback. For some of the students, it was their very first time being close to a horse. All of us enjoyed a picnic and being able to have just regular conversations about life away from YouthBuild. It is an experience that the students and staff will not forget.

