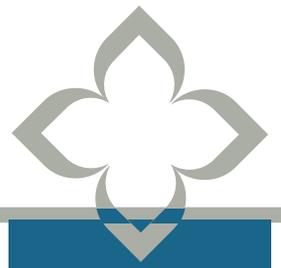


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The Council for Life Long Engagement and Nativity recently partnered to host a Career Fair. It was attended by all of the 4th, 5th and 6th graders and over twenty residents from Deupree House, Marjorie P. Lee and St. Paul Village. Each student was presented with a list of the careers being represented that day. They were asked to pick and rank their top ten careers of choice. On Monday, January 10th ERH residents and students assembled in the gym for an opening ceremony for the Career Fair. Each student was presented with a schedule that guided them to fifteen minute presentations on five of their top ten choices. The students were introduced to the elders and then dismissed to their first sessions throughout the school.

The day was a great success. Students learned about many different careers including: finance, advertising, art, architecture, political activism, medicine and occupational therapy to mention a few. The students were attentive and asked all the right questions. ERH residents feel confident the world is being passed down to worthy people. One resident shared that there were "undiscovered geniuses in the room." By focusing on more than just one career, students began to see the relationships between different areas. During the marketing presentation, one student with the desire to own a business came to realize, "you have to let people know how good your product is to get them to buy it!"

The elders involved found the day to be very rewarding as well. After the event an elder shared, "Their faces – the expressions, enthusiasm and bright faces. They have given me so much, and I thoroughly enjoyed it." Many of those involved gained a real sense of purpose during their time of preparation. CLLE is thankful for the hours of hard work the presenters

Encourage and enable elders to share their knowledge and talents with school children to reverse any negative aspects of ageism.



Bob LaShelle answers questions from students about his successful career in Sales. Students began to make connections between professions by spending time with elders as well.

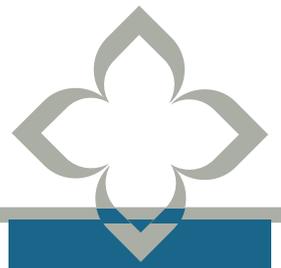
gave to the program. From charts and graphs to props and trial runs, this was taken very seriously and truly helped build a bridge between generations.

Are you interested in CLLE?

Our teachers at Nativity are looking forward to their spring curriculum which includes physical science and chemistry (Energy, Light, Sound, Electricity, Motion) and Health (plant/animal cells and human body systems.) In social studies, the students will be studying Ancient China, Ancient Rome, and Ancient Greece. If you are interested in getting involved in CLLE, call Laura Lamb at 561-6363.

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One of the unforgettable moments of the day was during the closing ceremony with a 6th grader shared that he learned “older people are not sitting around rotting. They have a lot of good experience to share!” CLLE feels that the students walked away knowing that the elders weren’t just someone their grandparent’s age but a vital part of shaping the community in which they live. On this day another step was taken to help rid our society from ageism.



Priscella Zeigel, Deupree Cottages’ resident, shares a hands-on presentation about her career as an occupational therapist.



Dorothy Hill, resident of St. Paul Village, shares with students her career with the IRS and involvement in the community.



Nancy Clagett, Deupree House resident, helps with the closing ceremony by sharing her thoughts regarding the quality of students at Nativity.



Bob Herring, principal, thanks residents for their contributions and help with Career Day at Nativity.