

Martin Luther King, Jr. Ed. Center

“Opportunity Partners Success”

July 1, 2009

Culinary Arts Program

This week the Culinary Art students had a break from the multiple caterings and a very busy schedule. They took advantage of this opportunity to deep clean the kitchen and equipment, organize, and take inventory of food and supplies. Youth worked hard and demonstrated excellent teamwork.

“I write on behalf of myself and my judicial assistant to express our appreciation for the excellent lunch prepared and served by the student in the Culinary Program. Every course and every offering was superb [...] your students should be very proud [...] the culinary Arts Program is both innovative and a successful way to help youth.”

-Charles M. Zennache
Circuit Judge



WIA SUMMER PROGRAM

The Summer WIA Program is up and running. We currently have 32 slots filled with youth excited to work. We are in the process of filling the last 7 spots and maintaining the current youth on job sites. A few of the site placements consist of our own DYS Hort. Crew, the Culinary Arts Program, and Technology Crew! We have partnered with several employers, in the community, where our youth are working and learning the skills of the trade. Some of the outside placements we have going are: The City of Eugene Fire and EMS Dept., Warp Grafix (learning computer graphics), and Volunteers in Medicine (learning what it feels like to work in a Dr. office). We look forward to the upcoming placements and watching youth obtain new skills, while making connections in the community.



Horticulture Crew

The HORT Crew has been outside in the sun, all week! Recently, the youth blocked .2 miles of illegal trail, and did a fantastic job of staying safe, respectful and responsible. Some of the youth, who stayed within the city limits, worked at Wayne Morris Ranch—they were busy weed eating the fence lines and clearing blackberry bushes!



Financial Literacy

Twelve youth participated in our July 1st Financial Literacy class. Youth learned the ins and outs of checking and savings accounts, the borrowing basics, rights and responsibilities as a customer, and they established financial goals for their future.

