

Notes to young adults about Project Academy's Program



Issues/Background:

- Young Adults need additional soft skills for employment. *MIT Business school*
- They need an environment for collaborative-interdisciplinary learning.
- A growing number of young adults are finding it difficult to manage the complexities of life relating to the interface of society, schools and business.



Our program:

Will provide a holistic approach to supporting their entry into the work force. This includes logistics, community and organizational support. It will create a fun environment where they will be in a team that is solving a problem while learning life skills.

Develop skills that support being able to contribute to many jobs/activities in a company or community. They will be learning such skills as **problem solving, collaboration, teamwork, creative and critical thinking**, using a mind-set “like an owner” to learn skills to interact in a team environment.



Area	Benefits
Society: become an active member of their community	Character traits, Problem solving, Design thinking, Soft-skills, Social & Emotions learning (SEL)
Citizenship: See this as a responsibility of being a member of their community	Thinking skills (creative and critical thinking, questioning, reflection), Values, Character development
Work: Using ownership mindset thinking and skills, advance in the community of work	Process methods, Collaboration, Innovative thinking, Financial understanding, Time management
Lifelong learners: See learning as a way of improving yourself,	Excitement in learning, Risk taking, Feedback, Values



Our focus will be on developing a unique mind-set to “think like you’re in your own business!” You own your learning!

Uniqueness:

- Creating a team that operates like a sports team with values, roles, charter, and a culture.
- Connects with employers, provides logistics and follow-on supports
- Participants are involved in the ownership and management of the program.
- Creates a community culture of helping each other.
- Connects directly with learning life skills (College & Career Readiness Skills).
- Supports a joyful and playful creative attitude in the program.
- Puts a smile into the learning and fosters reaching for a dream.

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see... Mark Twain



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Life-Skills/Soft Skills

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| • About Self |
| • Attitude |
| • Social & emotional learning |
| • Personal skills |
| • Teamwork |
| • Analytical skills, Process |
| • Problem solving |
| • Business literacy |
| • Team presentation |

