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SPOTLIGHT ON THE STUDENTS

Camp Tech is a week-long program that draws students from the IU1 region and beyond. It offers diverse tech-related sessions for young learners in grades 3 to 8. The sessions cover Programming, Graphic Design, Aviation, and Video Production. This year, Camp Tech was held at Washington and Jefferson College, in Washington, PA.

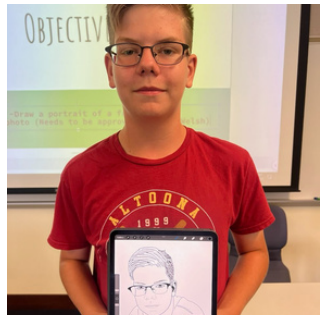
In "Programming with Alice," students used coding to create games and animations. They learned logical thinking and programming fundamentals with Alice, a powerful tool for object-oriented programming.

"Graphic Design with Procreate" let budding artists explore their creativity using the Procreate App, with unique artistic features and intuitive tools for digital art creation.

The "Lights, Camera, Action: Video Production" session focused on filmmaking and storytelling. Students collaborated to write scripts, handle camera work, and learn digital film editing, fostering critical thinking and creativity.

Aspiring aviators participated in the "Aviation in Action" session, learning about mechanical flight and gaining insights into the aircraft industry through flight simulator software and hands-on activities.

Camp Tech provides a dynamic and enriching environment for young minds to explore their interests and develop valuable skills. With captivating sessions to choose from, participants leave with newfound knowledge and unforgettable memories.



REMINDER ROUNDUP!

- Central Office: Professional Development - *Confidentiality* will be held Tuesday August 29 at 9am in the Washington & Fayette Rooms.
- Classes at IU1 McMurray and Waynesburg campuses resume Monday September 28.



TECH-TIP! *RESTARTING YOUR COMPUTER*

- Fixes application errors, memory leaks causing slowness or crashes and improves performance
- Resets internet connectivity, resolves Wi-Fi issues
- Installs updates, enhances security and functionality
- Troubleshoots power issues, overheating, startup errors, problematic files, apps, or drivers, and faulty Windows updates

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EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

IU1 EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

The IU1 Tech Department has rightfully earned the title of Employees of the Month for their outstanding performance in orchestrating the entire week of In-Service. Their seamless management of every technical aspect of the sessions, from coordinating videos and slideshows to ensuring the smooth operation of microphones, projectors and all other tech-related components, showcased their unparalleled expertise. Through their dedication, the Tech Department transformed what could have been complex challenges into brilliantly executed events, leaving attendees and participants impressed and engaged. Their remarkable skills and meticulous attention to detail undoubtedly contributed to the overall success of In-Service week, making them true exemplars of excellence within the IU1 organization.



Rian, Kathy, Matt, Ryan, Don, Bobby, and Mike

FRESH FACES: • Rachael Simmons, Mental Health Treatment Coordinator, Waynesburg Campus
GET TO KNOW OUR JULY NEW HIRES!

UPBEAT UPDATE *IN-SERVICE RECAP!*

The IU1 Common In-Service day at Charleroi High School on August 16 prioritized health and wellness, offering a diverse range of sessions to enhance staff members' well-being. Activities included meditation, yoga, stretching, mindful eating, nutrition label decoding, and healthier recipe crafting. Skincare, zumba, and pilates added balance, rejuvenation, and fun. Stress management, financial advice, and relaxation tools like essential oils, foam rollers, and massage guns were also explored. The event exuded positivity, empowerment, and a supportive environment.



The keynote speaker, Allison Clarke, a dynamic motivator, captivated the audience with an exhilarating and engaging session centered around the transformative power of spreading kindness and effective communication. With infectious energy, Clarke emphasized the profound impact small acts of kindness can have on people's lives, and how a simple gesture or a thoughtful word can potentially brighten someone's day.



The day concluded with inspiring talks from former IU1 students, Adam Blank and Jessica Little, reflecting on their experiences and journeys beyond IU1. Special awards were presented to dedicated IU1 staff members, and the day reached its exciting finale with the distribution of prizes, including a signed Sidney Crosby jersey and Amazon gift cards, through a raffle draw.

POWERFUL PERSPECTIVES *JENNY LENT*

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Welcome back! Hopefully, you have taken some time to connect with family and friends over the summer break and have enjoyed some relaxation before the school year begins. Operation Kindness is underway at IU1 as Allison Clarke kicked off the August 16th General In-service Session reminding us that spreading kindness through even the smallest act such as a sincere smile, an overdue text/phone call, or a handwritten note can be uplifting and evoke positive change. Let's strive to spread kindness at home, work, and in our communities as we become conduits of kindness.

This fall, Allison Clarke will be joining all IU1 staff for a 90-minute follow-up kindness Zoom session. Additional information regarding this Zoom will be shared in early fall. Also, a separate email will be sent this fall seeking volunteers to assist with the planning of the 2024 August General In-service Session. I hope you will consider volunteering for this planning committee!

May your year be filled with endless possibilities, where you spread kindness, discover new passions, overcome challenges, and make cherished memories. Have a fantastic school year!

