



Mutual of Omaha High School Tech Camp and Career Exploration Program

OMAHA SOUTH TECH CAMP AND COMPETITION

SPRING/SUMMER 2019

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Program Overview

This is a pilot program designed to help students develop professional skills through a collaboration with employees in tech at Mutual of Omaha. Students will work with mentors from Mutual of Omaha to help them develop web based tools/apps to address an issue they see in the community. This program includes:

- Career Exploration Fair (May 2 (local employers), May 22 (Mutual of Omaha Only))
- Soft skills training (May)
- Community product development project (May 6 – June 27)
- Demo day presentation (June 28)

Event Specifics – Career Exploration Fairs

- ▶ Career Exploration Fair for area high school students – May 2, 2019
 - ▶ 10a – 2p at AIM Institute (1905 Harney Street)
 - ▶ 10a – 12p: Meet with employers
 - ▶ 12p – 1p: Lunch
 - ▶ 1p – 2p: Intern Panel Discussion
- ▶ Mutual of Omaha Careers Exploration Fair for Omaha South – May 22, 2019
 - ▶ 10a – 2p at AIM Institute (1905 Harney Street)
 - ▶ 10a – 12p: Meet with employers
 - ▶ 12p – 1p: Lunch
 - ▶ 1p – 2p: Mutual of Omaha Intern Panel Discussion

Event Specifics -Soft skills training (May)

- ▶ During this required session, students will work with Heartland Workforce Solutions and Metropolitan Community College to learn essential soft skills to help them to be more successful when working with mentors.
- ▶ This training will be held at Omaha South High School

Community product development project (May 6 – June 27)

During this portion of the project, selected student groups will work together with assigned mentor(s). Project submissions should focus on using technology to solve an existing community issue and students should work on a project that is small enough in scope to develop a working prototype by the end of the camp. A rubric is available [here](#).

Dates:

- ▶ Applications Open: January 14 – April 19, 2019
- ▶ Selected projects announcement: April 26, 2019
- ▶ Soft Skills Training: May 1
- ▶ Project Development with Support: May 6 – June 27
- ▶ Demo Presentation and Prizes: June 28

Demo Day, June 28, 2019

During the final event for the camp, student teams will present their products to an audience of family, friends, teachers, mentors, etc. Each presentation will be judged by a panel of Greater Omaha based community leaders. Projects will be judged based on the following criteria:

- ▶ Ambition of project
- ▶ Innovation of solution
- ▶ Quality of implementation
- ▶ Quality of presentation
- ▶ Team collaboration
 - ▶ Team members will be named at the beginning of the project and the team lead should submit the application. On a weekly basis, all team members will submit a simple survey on the team's performance. Survey submissions are a required part of the project and will help organizers ensure that all team members are contributing to the success of the project throughout the development timeline.

The winning project team will receive a \$500 stipend, 2nd place: \$250, 3rd place: \$100. All students who complete the entire project based on the requirements listed here who also present on Demo Day will receive a \$250 stipend.

Demo Day: June 28, 2019 – location TBD, 6p – 8p

Next Steps

- ▶ Review the program rubric for project requirements
- ▶ Register for the career exploration fairs. [Click here.](#)
- ▶ Applications for the summer camp will open in January. Each team needs to submit one application and each student can only be a member of one team. If you are part of a team for multiple project submissions and more than one of those projects is selected, you must commit to one team for the duration of this project. You are welcome to help other teams, but can only be formally listed with one team.

Program Contacts

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