



Region 3 Magazine

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Region 3 Magazine

Let's make a magazine! Region 3 has a program whose goal is to make a magazine on the ASM programs throughout Region 3. Region 3 Magazine is a program that shows the exciting parts of After School Matters (ASM) programs in Chicago. By going out to these programs, Region 3 Magazine has uncovered that teens in the different ASM programs are gaining a variety of experiences from their programs. Our experiences with Region 3 Magazine were great because we experienced many techniques using the web, PowerPoint, Microsoft Word, Google Documents, and learning how to make a resume, some of us also learned photo editing software and Microsoft Publisher.

Region 3 has taken photos, interviewed students, and done ethnography all over the Westside—in all, we visited 34 programs at 15 different schools and locations. We didn't go to everyone, but thanks to all we did visit. Here are some of the programs: more than twenty teens at Juarez High School take part in the ASM program Aztec Dance. Aztec Dance is about expressing thankfulness and appreciation for life and in earlier times it was used as a form of prayer. Aztec Dance sing songs during their ceremonies, one of the songs is called *Quetzalcoatl*, meaning precious snake, Quetzalcoatl is an essence that is associated with everything having to do with life. Another ASM program we discovered was Musical Theater which is located at Austin High School. Musical Theater is about students expressing their talent on stage in front of people, rapping and doing poetry that they wrote or expressed through improv. Musical Theater students explained that doing this program has helped them get over their fear of being shy in front of people. Another ASM program that we uncovered is Checkmate as Marshall, this program is about students who enjoy playing chess and facing different people at their chess competitions. Chess is about beating your opponents at their own game, meaning whatever strategy they have you have to find a way to get around it. Chess is another way to let your feelings flow through your chess pieces meaning letting all your anger out if you've had a bad day. We visited several dance programs, and a few that do tap, two of them are MADD Rhythms and MADDer Rhythms, both at Better Boys Foundation, they practice basic and freestyle tap, meaning you can make up your own type of tap. Then MADD Rhythms performs what they have learned in front of an audience.

This is only a taste of what is to come in our magazine. We will tell you a little about each program we visited, sometimes with pictures. We had a great time going around the city meeting other teens and seeing what everyone else gets to do. Even our bus rides from place to place were fun, we would sing songs, tell stories, see the city, and just have fun with our program.

We hope you like our magazine.

Mark Leslie



Learn To Swim @ Austin

Do you think that all teens are wet? Well actually these teens are, but it's a good thing. In Austin High School, students there actually take the time out to learn how to develop more skills on swimming and learn how to become lifeguards. The program seemed awesome. The students said wonderful things about their After School Matters program, and many stated that it helps them stay out of trouble after school. Typically, they start their day out by signing in, going to the locker room, getting dressed, working out, and then head over to the pool. According to the students they get into three groups. Group 1 is a group of students who know how to swim, and Groups 2 and 3 are full of students who don't know how to swim. According to Willie, he learned how to swim very well, do CPR, and also learned how to swim under water. Juanita feels that the program will help her lose weight, she would also like to learn how to swim without a board. The interviews were very interesting, and we actually wanted to stay there for more details. I wasn't scared to interview them because they made me feel comfortable by participating very well. In the program, Learn to Swim, the students seemed to really enjoy themselves.

Tarteanna Moore and Janeeka Hatcher



Pop Life @ Yollocalli

Walking into the Pop Art program at Yollocalli you had a feeling that life had swept over you! The room was filled with people creating art in many forms. These teens like art, and typically, they start off with a demo or rough sketches and then build into the final project. There are many things in the program that apprentices are looking forward to doing, one apprentice, Xiomara, said that she is eager to start their fashion project, and also painting, the best thing she did in the program so far is created a sculpture. Teens like that in program they feel safe and they look up to their instructors. Xiomara gained patience from this program and she wouldn't change a thing about this program. Teens feel that this program is perfect because 30 teens can put all their ideas into their project to make it look good. They also love that they are able to take things like magazines from their daily lives and make their own meaning out of the,

Kellygirl Foster

Conscious Comedy @ WYTEC

Giving a big shout out to the youth comedians in the conscious comedy program! Taking a trip to interview some of the comedians, and most of all to hear some of their comedy, was a good experience. Their program is about dealing with serious situations by making life experiences able to be dealt with through comedy and performance. WYTEC's Conscious Comedy is a excellent program, where teens from different high schools from all over the Westside come together to write and perform comedy sketches, do plays, and little minor scripts. They perform at nursing homes, and perform in front of each other. One of the Apprentices said that she feels like family in their program. They told us how on a typical day in their program they start on skits and writing projects, some of their most favorite things that they have done so far in program is introducing their group, creating jokes, and acting jokes out. Jamera said that she wants to gain is a better attitude because she knows that if she is to succeed in life attitude plays a key part. Marqueana would like to do the conscious comedy program again because it's fun and it helps you get over being shy. So if you feel that you got the guts to stand up and be funny then do it and have yourself some fun!

Kadedra Johnson

Juarez Video Production

At Benito Juarez High School there is a program called Video Production, they are a very focused group, they make and edit teen videos because it's their passion. During our visit they were showing videos to each other and talking about what they liked and what kind of videos they wanted to make. One of the students was telling me how they can crop themselves into the Chris Brown video if they wanted. They make their own projects and edit them so they can have everything right so they can make their big presentations to each other. Many students liked that they learned to use professional cameras and software. They liked learning filming techniques using different shots and angles. Charlton said one of the goals of the program is "teaching them to use everyday activities." I wish we had more time to spend with them, their program seemed fun.

Terry Craft



Tap Dance @Collins

Collins Academy High School has an ASM program called Tap Dance. Their program is about learning how to tap, how to move to the rhythm and how to critique their classmates or friends that participate in the program. Lakeshia Burton says three of her favorite things is communicating, learning new things, and earning a livelihood. Lakeshia says she wants to perform in front an audience because she hasn't experienced it yet. Moesha Miller, another student that attends Collins Academy High School, explains that their tap dance program shows you how to dance new steps, perform a routine called shim sham and it allows you to become a better tap dancer.

Mark Leslie

Green Teens @Garfield Park

At Garfield Park Conservatory, we visited a program called Green Teens. The room was full of many large palm trees and exotic fish that made you feel like you was someplace different. It even looked like the jungle that I seen on television and I also heard birds. The conservatory is the ideal place for the Green Teen apprentices. The presence of their wonderful instructors, as well as the added comfort that the plant life brings, makes this program a great place to be! One of the apprentices I interviewed told me about the many things that they do in their program. The program teaches them job skills, how to build social skills, and personal experiences all as they learn about growing plants. Although they mostly plant flowers, they also work on art projects, resume skills, and communication skills.



Green LUNGS @Marshall

When I was at the Green LUNGS program at Marshall High School, I talked with a few students and they told me about their program. How would you like to design your first dream home? The students in the Green LUNGS program are crazy about this project. When we talked to them they stated that teachers first told them about the program. On an everyday basis they draw houses and do some work out of a book that helps them imagine their dream homes. But the program is really about how the earth is made. Sometimes the group does ice breakers when they come in to start off their day. Some of their favorite things that they have done are go around town and look at houses, then go back and draw them. The group also said that they made some maps and really enjoy their program.

Shanell Reed



SPORT 37 @Austin

The Sport 37 Program at Austin High School is about learning how to play and teach sports. Apprentices learn more about sports so they can teach young kids how to play. During a typical day in their program they work in stations, breakup into 4, and go over drills. They learn about softball such as passing, catching, signals. They also play a game called Cookie Monster, which is like tag. Students fell they will gain leadership skills in this program. Some of the students also wish to get more people to attend their program. They also seem to really enjoy their program, they think it's fun and that they will learn many different things.

Tarteanna Moore

Digital Connectors @ Phoenix Military Academy

Students at Phoenix Military Academy can learn about making films! This film program is very professional. Although it has a small work place, it has just enough room for the number of students in the program and is convenient for the students. The students instructor has order, once he give the students directions they follow them. While at Phoenix Military school we interviewed Javonda Washington who is part of the Digital Connectors After School Matters program. She says that she heard about the program from a friend. Tawonda, and says the program is about learning the concepts of video recording. She also says that it is very interesting and she would consider doing it again. Shakira May and Kenneitha O'Neil, two students in the program, say that a typical day in the program requires them to set up their technical equipment, produce, and direct, but their favorite thing they have done in the program was a scavenger hunt. Corey Williams, another participant, says that he'll gain knowledge and more camera operating skills from the program, but the program can use more people with new ideas. Last but not least, Davion Charles says that he is looking forward to taking field trips to studios, and photography companies that will work with them hands on later on in the program.

Chacora Fairlee

Beverage Manufacturing @Austin

Austin Polytechnic Beverage manufacturing program is a unique program where apprentices make beverages and learn to market them. Hywania Orange, an apprentice, seemed really excited when speaking about her program. She stated how she felt "safe," and that in the program she has friends and staff members whom she loves. By experimenting and working with her fellow apprentices she states that she was able to enhance her communication skills. Most students are so excited by making beverages that they would like to make their own beverages one day.

Kadedra Johnson



Science 101 @Crane

The Science 101 program had a warm, welcoming feel when you first walked in the door. The room was decorated with many different pictures and equipment for the program. Everyone in the After School Matters Science 101 program had on lab coats, gloves, and goggles, like real scientists! The apprentices that are in the Science101 program seemed very excited to be there. They interacted very well by helping one another with their work. The instructor was well educated and experienced in science. One of the apprentices Shantell Green says that she “really like being in the program because she got to learn a lot of things about DNA and how it works.” She also says that they did science experiments on how to test DNA on strawberries. Shantell also says she hopes to gain a lot of knowledge from this program because it teaches her a lot about different stuff, such as the different types of way of getting DNA off of something. Apprentice Luevina Perry think that Science 101 is a good after school program for kids to learn about different things that are taking place in our world today. She also likes to watch CSI Miami to see how they are getting DNA for a crime and using it to find to the person who did the crime. She wants to be able to take what she has learned from this program and pass it on to others so that they can pass down what she have taught them about DNA in the future. The mood of the students was very excited and eager. Clifford Jones was excited to be in the science 101 Program. He said that he enjoys going to program everyday because there never a boring day, and there is always a fun activity. Once they had to test fake urine to see if a woman is pregnant or not. Clifford said he think the science 101 program will educate him and hopefully to find a good job one day. Jameka Scarbough, a junior here at Crane, is another apprentice in the Science 101 program who likes to working with this group. When asked how did she like this program she said that she would not trade it for any other After School Matters program, as she says her instructor is very nice, she also likes doing the projects and just having a lot of fun.

Courtney White



Writer's Workshop @Manley

Patrice Chatman attends Manley High School, where she is enrolled in Writer's Workshop. She heard about the program through her teachers. This program helps her learn about writing skills and how to make improvements in her writing. A typical day includes an opening ritual called 'drills', writing, games and other word games. Her three favorite things to do are writing, free style poetry games, topic style writing assignments from the teacher. The best thing she did last week was writing different topic poems, which then they showed off. She said she feels safe here because she knows everyone. She said she will gain the ability to improve her writing skills and that there is nothing that can be done to improve this program. She said she would love to be in the program again because she is improving her writing skills, but this is her last year in high school.

Terry Craft

Musical Theater @Austin

Musical Theater is a good program because students at Austin Business and Entrepreneurship Academy express their feelings through acting and singing, and this is why they love what they do in their program. The students from Austin says Musical Theater is basically about students in ASM expressing their experiences and feelings through Musical Theater. This program lets them act without making a complete fool of yourself through rapping, dancing, plays, poetry, and singing. Based on the students I interviewed, all wanted to attend the Theater's showcasse because they never been to one. I think that people who have a problem speaking and acting on stage should join the program so that they can get more comfortable to perform on stage well.

Mark Leslie



Aztec Dance and Culture @Juarez

The Aztec Dance program is learning about the roots of the Aztec culture. One of the purpose of Aztec Dance is for dancers to express thankfulness and appreciation for life. The dances are sometimes used for meditation and teaching values. Aztec Dance is also performed at weddings and naming ceremonies, New Year celebrations, equinoxes, solstices, and twenty-day cycle celebrations. Aztec Dance is a good program because the students at Benito Juarez High School who participate in this ASM program wanted to know more about their culture and more about their ancestors. A Student who attends Juarez says “the best thing they like about their program is learning a new rhythm and drum beat”. Another student mentioned that their favorite thing to do when they come to their program is dancing, singing and learning about their ancestors. The students like the fact that they can learn about their ancestors and Aztec culture within their ASM program. Many of the other students that attend Juarez says they are looking forward to learning about more symbols in Aztec Dance and more about their ancestors.

Mark Leslie

HOOPS HIGH Sports Broadcasting @Collins

Walking into Collins Academy you see right through the school, there are windows everywhere. Taking a tour around the school I was shown lots of different things, most interestingly, I saw a big room where they had lots of stuff set up to record the high school basketball game like a professional game. Their boys basketball team was playing against another school and everything was being recorded. I know they felt so proud because they can actually look at themselves while they were working so hard. They recorded the game with cameras and also did play-by-play announcing, I bet if we were to do something like that at our school, Crane kids would love it. Students also enjoy going on trips and meeting new students. This seems like a great program for students who love sports but maybe don't play for their high school teams.

Bobby Stevenson and Tarteanna Moore



Sports 37 @ Manley

At Manley High School the Sports 37 program teaches kids about how to play different sports and has a lot of fun. Yvette likes her job playing with the kids, as a coach, she plays basketball with each of the kids and teaches them how to take turns, hoping to turn some of her students into youth teachers someday. Precious says that she did everything she was looking forward to doing and she believes that she will gain responsibility from her program. Another apprentice has been in other ASM programs like Resounding Stories and Music Production, still she believes that this program is a great program, and one that she would like to attend again.

Terry Alexander

Motorola Robotics Team @Phoenix

Ok, mad scientists have officially upgraded from Frankenstein to Frankenbot! The eager and inquisitive members of the Robotics crowd a table. I was pretty sure that something was going to pop up and say "I am alive" while the crowd joins in with their evil laughs. Brenda, Xavier and Larena all are members of Phoenix Military Academy's Robotics program. The welcoming feeling in the room makes every member feel safe as they enter the program. Their instructor awaits them with new exciting tasks everyday. According to Brenda, the purpose of the club is to construct a functional robot that could compete in a tournament at the end of the year. A typical day in the program consists of using legos for prototypes to find ways to enhance the robot's abilities, such as making it move faster. Dangerous tools are used everyday, but Xavier feels safe because their instructor is very much qualified and they all know the safety protocol. The clutter in the room is kept to a minimum so everything stays clean and organized. Posters of robots on the walls displays everyone's common goal, which is to have a great finished project. Even though this academic-enhancing program is very serious, they still find time to have fun. Sometimes they just build their own robots. The interaction between the students and the instructor are very natural. Everyone respects each others' opinion. Even the instructor learns from his students. Larena hopes to gain knowledge, possibly a scholarship, and just a good experience. Brenda and Xavier's feelings concur. They all intend on participating in the program next year--I can see why!

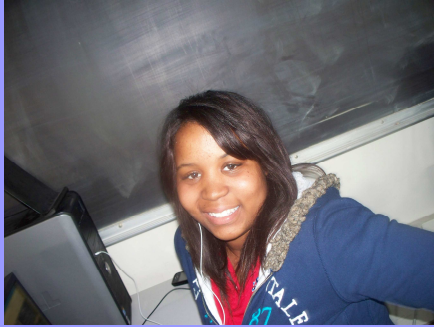
Chinanita Leslie











Web With A Twist @Crane

The name of the program I am writing about is called Web With a Twist. Web With A Twist is a program about making different kinds of designs out of pictures on the Internet. Some pictures they are making are cats, dogs and other cartoon themes. In their program they sit in a room similar to ours which is a room with computers, but theirs is much smaller and hotter. One of the people I interviewed said that when the program first started it was boring because all they were doing was sitting in the room just talking about what they was going to do when they stared working on the computers. But toward the middle they got a program on the computer that they could do a lot more then what they were doing like design things other than animals. They all said that they feel safe in their program because they are around their instructors and most of their friends. Another student said that they love their program because their instructors are very cool and fun to be around. Most student say they will join their program again.

Janet Tidwell

Better Boys Foundation Film Lab 1512

The teens in the Better Boys Foundation (BBF) are very excited to be in the Film Lab 1512 program. They film and photograph scenes that will be put in their movie production. Students can spend time doing what they enjoy. The film lab program allows everyone to view someone else's perspective of what's good entertainment. Rodney, a member of the film lab expressed that he really likes being in the program because he gets to learn new things about film that he didn't know. He also says that he loved when they made a music video. They got to see firsthand what it takes to make a successful video. Rodney hopes to begin a solo project before the end of the program, and he feels that this knowledge and experience would be beneficial for him if he decided to go into film professionally. Victor loves to come to program everyday because he knows that something new and astounding awaits him. Everyday is unpredictable and fun. The technical aspects of the program are challenging but with his instructor and supportive teammates they have overcome these difficulties. No one is shy of criticism--it's embraced. Through criticism they grow and become better directors. David is a student at Farragut but travels all the way to BBF every program day to learn about filming. This is his second term in the program and he finds it more and more electrifying. The film lab stimulates his mind and gets the creative juices flowing. This program is appealing to young minds because there is no right or wrong way to be creative, everyone is given the same opportunity to be themselves.

Chinanita Leslie

Radio Arte @Yollocalli

Wow!!! We went to check out a program by the name of Radio Arte Journalism at Yollocalli, in this program they learn radio skills and they get to write their own stories and broadcast them on radio. Each day in program they listen to the radio to get ideas about what they should and should not do, they also talk about journalism and share ideas. They are also learning to use special software to record and broadcast. We interviewed a few students, they told us about the program...

when we interviewed them, they told us some very interesting things that really got my attention - they like to interview other people and that they can gain better social and writing skills. This was interesting because this is just like our program. We interview other students and write stories, but we don't make them for radio. But I also think that I have gained better writing skills and better social skills.

Dexter Shipp

True Star Journalism @Collins

Do you like to write? If you do, you should join the True Star Journalism program. It's like this program you enjoy and get to meet new people and get to learn how to write books and stories. One student, Tierra Howard, from Collins Academy, she has learned to interview people and be able to talk to people. Shanobia, one of the teens, likes the program and would like to attend the program again. From the program, Shanobia learned new skills like how to type faster and how to write paragraphs. Another student Roqherick, who attends North Lawndale, says that he would love to write an article and step up his writing skills, and he would like to gain story-telling skills. He would also like to try new programs and also learn new things skills, he says it's good to want to try new things. One of the things that Shanobia would like to do that she hasn't done is make her own article. From this program she learned better communication skills an people skills. Roqherick says he would like to improve his writing skills and people skills. And they both say that they feel safe in this program because it is a good environment and there are teachers that stay there and make sure that all the students get to where they're going safe.

Terry Craft



Fosco Recreation Leader

Some teens at Fosco Park participate in an ASM program called Youth Recreation Leaders where they do all kinds of projects and activities to prepare themselves to lead youth programs in the parks. Some of the projects and activities we heard about during our visit to them were: making jewelry boxes, singing all kinds of songs, and doing ice breakers so that they can get to know each other, while we were there the group performed one of their songs that they were working on. The idea is that these activities will prepare them to work in the summer with younger kids. In another room some of the recreation leaders were playing kick ball with some of the younger children who ranged from around 8 to 13 years of age. The teens seemed kind of shy when we came into their classroom, but then they opened up a little after we were there a while. They were very nice, the group welcomed us in, and when we were leaving they gave us a warm goodbye. The teens said if they had a chance to do the program again they would because they enjoy working with younger children, but also said that they would like to learn how to work with kids more. Many teens in the group commented on gaining leadership skills.

Shanell Reed

Marillac House Fine Arts Program

Tired of the violence in your neighborhood? Want to make a difference and better yourself, your community, and family? Well if you do there's a great Fine Arts After School Matters program at the Marillac House, located on the West side of Chicago. Fine Arts is a program for students after school at the Marillac House on Jackson. This program encourages nonviolence and ways to prevent violence by getting the word out. Some of the activities that were being conducted were ice-breakers, reading aloud, and group work. Getting down to the problem of violence involving gangs, drugs, guns etc, this group is allowed to show their talents off by different ways of expression. Whether it is writing a poem, going on a field trip, watching movies, listening to others speak, or acting it out in a play, the message about violence is clear as day. Another way the program benefits this particular group of kids is that it ensures them of a safe environment. Everyone knows and gets along with each other pretty well. Most of the students have already been in an ASM program before, but this particular one is by far their favorite.

Some of the students that were interviewed were Mieya Sims and Murnique Miller. Both attend different schools, Farragut and Collins. Both found out about the Marillac Fine Arts program through friends at their schools. Real world knowledge, communication skills, and improvement of stage skills are what these girls plan to take from this program. Others interviewed were Dorothy Jackson and Joseph from Marshall and Dunbar, each of whom were told by their counselors, staff and peers from their high schools. Both were beginners to writing and performing, but both also had a huge problem with the increasing violence and were excited about helping express their opinions on it. Safety is the most important issue in the program, you can say it is the foundation of it. So all of these students say they feel very safe because they now know who they work with, their instructors are warm and understanding, and they all live in the neighborhood. With a huge space and great outside performers, Marillac is the best place to express yourself and your views on violence. If you don't believe me see for yourself. So if you want to have fun, get paid and make a difference join this program. Make the best of your time, help build a strong bond and an even stronger friendship with your community. It has so much to offer you and looks very good on a resume.

Jasmine Coleman



Free Spirit Media @Powerhouse

In a recent field trip to Powerhouse we sat down and individually interviewed 4 students about their After School Matters program. The name of their program is Free Spirit Media, their program is about students learning to control production shows, dealing with computers, cameras, and making PSAs. Students heard about their program through their teachers in the school and friends. A typical day in the program is them writing in their journals, then spending the day filming and taking photos or reading news letters and then going and editing what they have read. The best thing that happened in the program last week was that they made a video. I really liked the room they were working in, the walls were covered with posters and reminders about how to work. The room was a nice size - not too big or too little, and was filled with equipment, good tales to work, as well as comfy sofas to sit on. During our visit they showed us some video they had made, it was really cool.

Keyosha Hammett



Urban Poetry @Michelle Clark

Michelle Clark Preparatory High School has a great Urban Poetry After School Matters program. Andrea Powell and Darius Dedone, who attend Michelle Clark, are members of the Urban Poetry program. They two young poets heard about the program through teachers, posters, friends and councilors. Darius says that he has been an another After School Matters program called Improv. basically it taught him how to be a comedian. As for Andrea, this is her first time in After School Matters program. The Urban Poetry program is basically about performing poetry. A typical day in program for them is just reciting, creating and acting out their poetry. Things that Andrea likes about their program is reciting , performing poetry and an exercise about their emotions. Andrea says the best thing she did in program last week was made a poem about their feelings. The two claims that their program is like a safe heaven to them because their instructor Kill is always there to protect them all from harm. Something they would like to do in program is perform in front of an live audience. They believe it is a possibility to gain better performing skills and understanding about poetry. They would recommend no changes in their program at all, Andrea and Darius would consider being in this particular program again because they enjoy it, it's very interesting and helps express feelings verbally to others.

Brianna Harrington

BBF's MADD & MADDer Rhythms

It was raw. I walked in the room and liked what I saw, I saw kids actually tap dancing like they've been tap dancing since they were little. The kids in the M.A.D.D. Rhythms program come from all over the city to learn how to tap dance. First they start off with a copycat, a game when one person starts off with a beat and the rest of the kids copy as they go around in a circle. The room was filled with mirrors and wooden floors that was just used for tap dancing. The kids like doing routines that they can get a hang of to improve their tap dancing skills. They feel safe because they look up to their instructor and they think she's a nice and respectful person. The things the kids like is learning different things such as beats, steps, moves, and different routines. Some of the kids said they have gained conversation skills from this program and respect toward others. So the MADD Rhythms group is for tap beginners, once you learn basic tap things you graduate to...

Kellygirl Foster

The music goes "boom boom" and their feet go "tap tap" as they glide across the hardwood floor. When you walk into the MADDer Rhythms tap class program of the Better Boys Foundation (BBF), you get a sense of high energy that will make you so excited. This group was so talented and it seemed like they loved what they did. Through anyones eyes you could see that they had found something they truly loved. The program has kids from many different schools such as Clinesha from Powerhouse High, Parishay Rose from Rauner College Prep, and Virginia Hammer from Westinghouse High School. These girls stated that the focus of the MADDer Rhythms program is to learn the roots of tapping, which mainly had them dancing to jazz. So when the group stopped dancing to jazz and started to dance to juke music, they felt that it was fun because they know and are more familiar with the music, this makes it easier to get into the tap. Some things that they really loved about the program included: talking to their boss, going on trips, performing at the regional showcases, and, of course, dancing. I personally asked each tapper if they would consider returning to this program and Parishay said "Yes, because it's fun and I love tapping." Many students join After School Matters programs for a variety of reasons, from having a passion for the program or just to have something to do, Clinesha said she joined this program just to have something to do now, but she loved it and has been in the MADDer Rhythms program for three years. She feels that tapping is fun, and would be happy to come back. Virginia Hammers looked with smile and said she will return because it keeps her off of the streets and she loves the program - "for anyone who wants to join a dance program, and learn something new, this is a great program. This program has a talented group of kids, and the instructor would have you moving in no time."

Amber Gilliam



Project LEAP @ Pheonix Military Academy

BJA 5,4,3,2,1 Health is about how to eat healthy and work out everyday. Oissac, one of the team members, said that he heard about this program from teachers in his school. Oissac has been in After School Matters before, in the robotics program, but likes the chance to try out different things. He said that in this program teens perform plays about health for kids. On a typical day, program members play games, role play, act, and even work out. His favorite thing in program so far was last week when he got to act as a baby. Students feel safe in the program because there are a lot of teachers and many friends around. Things that he will gain from this program are acting skills and being able to talk in front of other people. Oissac would do this program again, as he wants to meet other new people and enjoys working very much.

Quanice Logan

Digital Media @ Manley

Digital Media is new this year to Manley Career Academy High School. Apprentice William Johnson says that his program features video making, doing photo shoots, and editing the projects all at the end. William feels safe in this program because it keeps him off the streets. William considers coming back to this program again because he says "it's fun working with cameras". The students are in a room with a lot of space and over a dozen computers they work on. Tashay Baker, a senior from Manley, also works in digital media, she has been in this program since her freshman year. Tashay films big events such as sport events. Ms. Baker has gained a lot from this program such as filming, learning to work, and setting up the equipment. On a typical day they sign-in and at the end of the day they are expected to have everything completed on their agenda. She also considers doing this program again because she met a new best-friend and she gets to have fun every day.

KaJauN HamPtoN



Move Me Soul @Austin

The Move Me Soul program is a dance program that gets teens involved through a unique form of dance. The program takes place in the giant auditorium of Austin High school. Most people say that the reason they joined the program was because they love to dance, Shawna, a participant of the program, says that the reason why she joined was to meet new people, exercise, and dance. Another reason why people said they joined was to learn new moves from Africa and other places. Most said they feel safe because they know everyone and because they are around teachers. Shawna says that one thing that they have not done yet was perform as a group, and they are all looking forward to this. Things she feels she will gain from her dance group include new dance moves and how to work in groups. Desholion is another student of the Move Me Soul program, he heard about this program from his teachers. He has been in other programs like Musical Theater and Urban Gardening, but he likes this program because it is about different dance styles. The instructor seems nice and in control of the students. Most of the people said they would join up again. Move Me Soul is a good way to get moving, with soul.

Quanice Logan



King Of The Ring @Crane

King the of Ring is a boxing program at Crane that helps young teens set their goals and build self esteem. According to Coach James Flower, one of his boxers made it to the Golden Gloves semi-finals which is a big deal, he thought that his boxer could have won with more focus. One of his boxers is looking forward to making it to the Chicago Park District finals. The students are looking forward to winning and they would also like to get some of the fighter parents to come out and see what a great job they are doing. Not only do they love learning how to box, but the program is also good exercise, good for self-defense, and great for teaching discipline. Many of the kids say that it's a fun program to be in and they are looking forward to being in this program again.

Tarteanna Moore

My Chicago/My Hero @Juarez

Juarez Community Academy high school have an after school matter program called My Chicago / My hero. My Chicago/ My hero are about who their hero is and taking pictures of their hero's for example their hero might be one of their siblings. This program revolves around photography and the concept of someone who inspires them. These teens take photographs of their hero in their natural environment and portraying them as the daily heroes they are. A typical day in program would consist of getting feedback from their instructor about pictures they took and made so they can improve photography techniques. After receiving feedback they edit photos on Photo shop. These hard working teens also Work on different projects, learn how to add different backgrounds to the picture and make the picture they would like.

"With the help of the instructors and computers our pictures tell stories" said Laura Belmont .Some activities this Program did was making a power point of famous artist, making a book, and taking photos of each other. They also did an activity called "You are Beautiful" they took photos of the things that symbolize things that were beautiful to them. One teen member said "I believe I will gain valuable knowledge that will be beneficial in work experiences in the future, it will also compel me to have responsibility and use my creativity to a certain extent". Some students learned new experience with taking photos, getting better with editing pictures and how you can take pictures with different angles. Students also gained hard working skills to make the photo look better. One teen said "I discovered new interests and an educational way to spend my time after school".

Cecelia Brown



Checkmate @Marshall

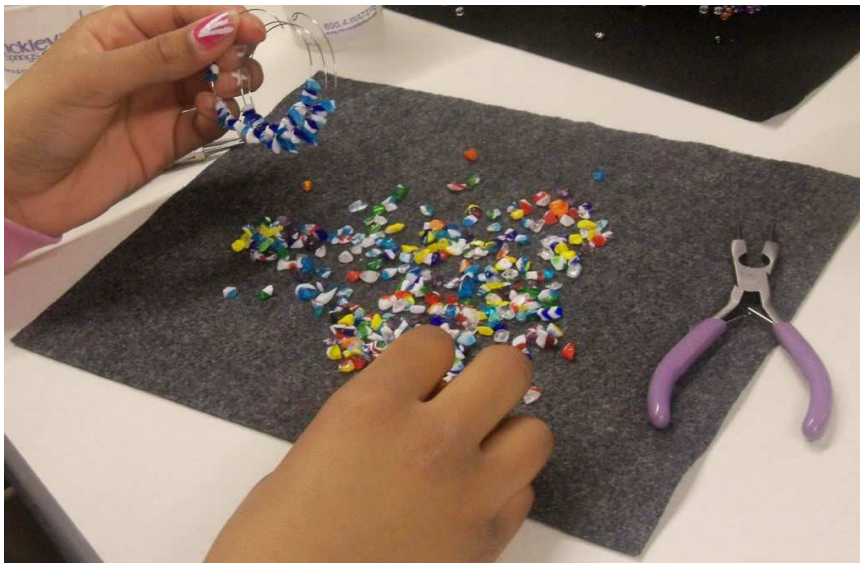
Checkmate is a chess program at Marshall High School. The program goes to tournaments, competing with other teams across the city, their team even had two member go the state tournament recently! Joseph Williams and Shawn Beamon took second and tenth place medals this past February. In a normal day, they practice and have little competitions with each other. They learn discipline while playing chess, and they said program was fun. The players who were there when we visited seemed cool and fun!

Adante Jackson

Bead Creations @ Powerhouse

The program Bead Creations is located at Powerhouse High School. This program teaches teens to make different jewelry using beads, rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, and string. The students from Powerhouse really like Bead Creations. The program also lets the students make jewelry boxes, charm bracelets, and freestyle projects, meaning they can make their own rings, necklaces and, chains. The program is for teens who love making their own creations using beads of their choice. This program is a place for teens who like making useful pieces that they can give to their mom, aunts, friends or relatives. All around, the program room had different pieces to inspire the students make beautiful things with beads. Once the teens are done with their projects their creations go downtown to be sold to raise money for ASM programs.

Bobby Stevenson



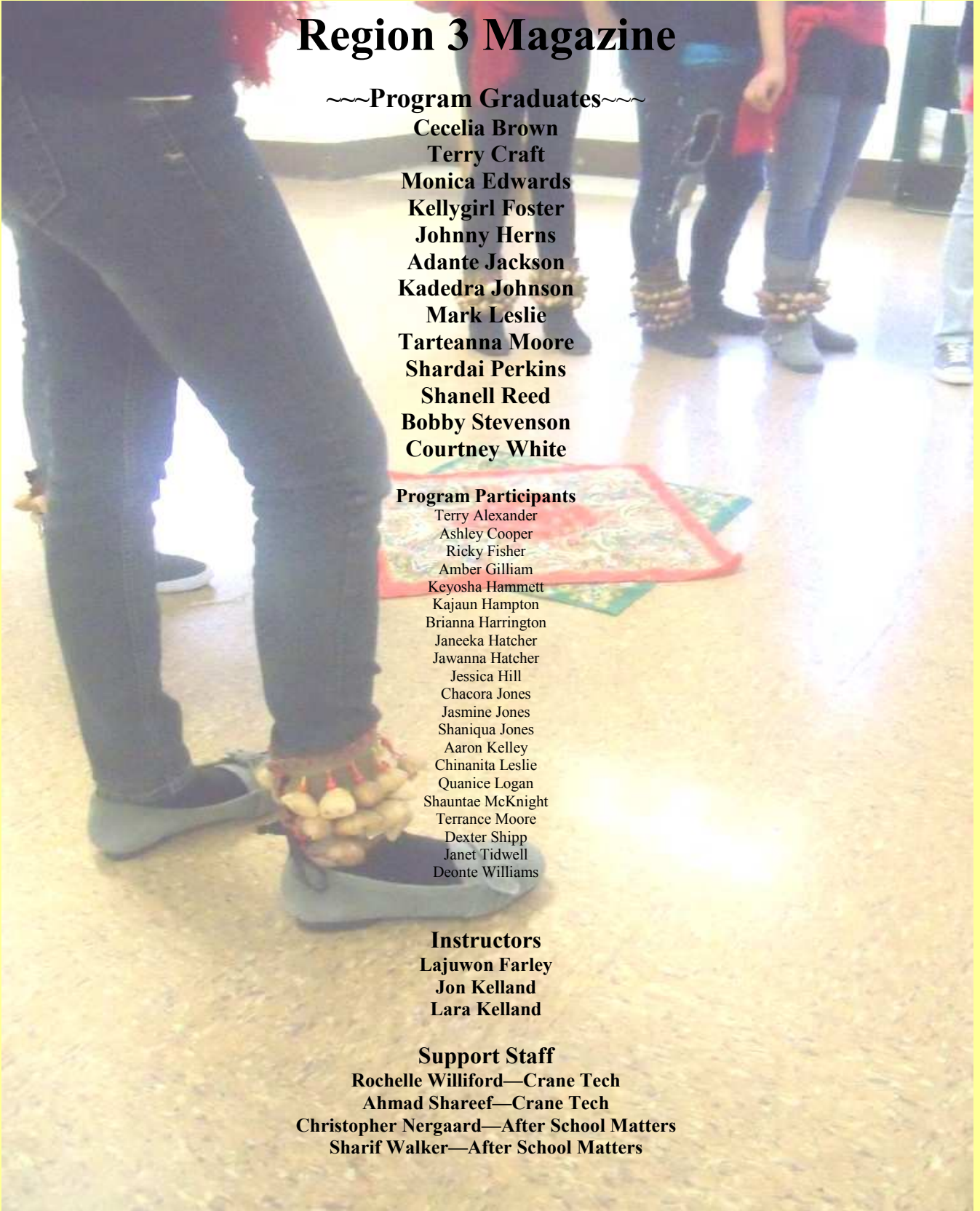
Second City Improvisation @Manley

Second City Improvisation is a program at Manley about acting, theatre, and writing plays. Oh yeah, they also do sketch comedy. If you have ever watched Saturday Night Live, chances are you have seen a student of Second City - from John Belushi to Tina Fey and Steve Carrel, Second City is a funny place. That is what many teens in the Second City program hope for, to find a career in comedy.

In this program the apprentices will become better writers and better actors, the needed first steps to getting better at comedy and stand-up. A typical day in their program students learn new things like doing new scripts and skills related to performance. I think that this program is a good program and I am looking forward to the day that I hear a teen from an After School Matters program made it big coming up through Second City.

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