

# YCAN

## Semester in Review

February 2019

### What We Have Done So Far...

#### *Activities and Opportunities*

The start of the 2018-19 school year has been exciting and new for the Saginaw ISD and Saginaw YMCA. The YCAN (Youth Career Awareness Network) has been evolving and growing in the community. Students have enjoyed attending the program, are learning new skills, and getting to know community members along with each other.

In September, students began learning about various areas at the YMCA. They were divided into 4 areas of interest. The first area is the Front Desk. Students working here are learning how to check YMCA members into the building, answering phone calls, attending to laundry, and interacting with YMCA staff and members on a daily basis. Next, in the Wellness Area, students learn how to care and maintain the exercise equipment in addition to interacting with members. In the Custodial area, students are cleaning the gym areas, disinfecting the aerobic rooms, cleaning the locker rooms, and maintaining other changing areas within the YMCA. Finally, our Maintenance Group works hard throughout the building wherever necessary. Students working in this area have mowed the grounds, moved lockers, transported items around the YMCA building, and even decorated for the Holidays.

During the month of October and November, students volunteered their time at the Sugar Beets Facility in Saginaw. We painted, cleaned, and painted some more to get the building ready for the new baseball season. In addition, our group volunteered with the SISD Math in the Mail assembly. The students enjoyed putting kits together for our youngest learners in the county. Finally, during December students volunteered at Amazing Grace animal care center. The kitties and staff enjoyed having our students help out for an afternoon and we plan to go back again soon.



**“ Nothing is impossible, the word itself says ‘I’m Possible!’ ”**  
-Audrey Hepburn



In January, students toured the Delta Campus and explored their unique state of the art, Skilled Trades Program. Students were able to see classes in action, ask questions, and learn about apprenticeship opportunities we have here in the Tri-City area. Once a week starting this month, students are volunteering to clean the Warming House at Hoyt Park. The park has some fantastic community events through the month of February. We are helping to make the Warming House look “warm and welcoming” to all of the visitors.



## What’s Coming Up Next

### *New Opportunities*

Beginning in February, students will be working in different areas at the YMCA. Students have interviewed for new positions and will begin training. We have a new partnership with Magoo’s Pet Outlet! Each week students that are interested in working with small animals such as reptiles, guinea pigs, hamsters, and birds will be able to job train at the pet store. We are anxious to begin and hope to see the partnership grow even more.

Lastly, we are heading into the districts! YCAN and Covenant Intern students are giving a presentation about their SISD programming. The students are able to relate their personal experiences to sophomore and junior classes that are interested in the programs. We have received a lot of positive feedback from the classrooms and hope to see more students taking advantage of these awesome opportunities.



“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

Helen Keller



