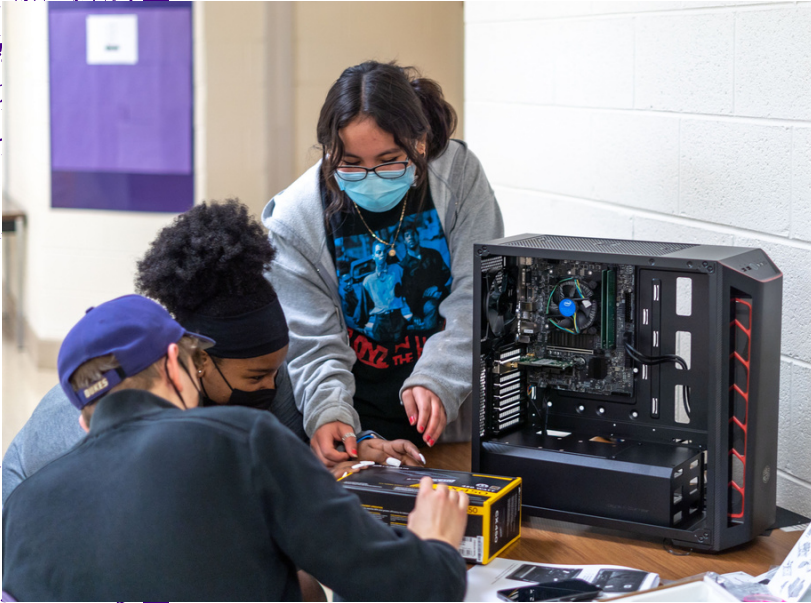


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SENIOR EDITION



COMPUTER BUILD

What's the best way to learn about a computer?

Bit by bit!

Thanks to a Merck grant, Valley Scholars students were able to do just that. Through a computer build program, students first learned about each component and its function.

The second part of the day was spent putting together a desktop! Students were given all the components needed to make a computer, well, compute. With the help of JMU Computer Science students and an instruction manual, Valley Scholars students snapped, clicked and plugged it all into place. To check their work, students used monitors to run diagnostics to ensure components were functioning properly.

Over the course of the year, Valley Scholars hosted four different builds for students. This program was unique for the hands-on experience alone, but what makes the computer build special is that each completed desktop will be going home with a student and family for future use.



VS Entrepreneurs Founders Market



This summer, Valley Scholars hosted their first ever entrepreneurship workshop. With the help of the Gilliam Center for Entrepreneurship and the addition of the Founders Mark curriculum, participants learned what it takes to create a business. For three days, students learned

various elements of building a business including identifying a target audience, problem solving, brand development, and product marketing.

Lucas Warner ('23), Christian Boynton ('22) and Marlon Cuevas ('22) in the 2022 Dukes Venture Accelerator program provided students with first hand knowledge while leading daily workshops in preparation for the inaugural Valley Scholars Founders Market. Students used the knowledge they gained to package their ideas into a presentable product. Members from the JMU community and Founders Mark joined us for the finale, where students pitched their ideas and demonstrated prototypes.



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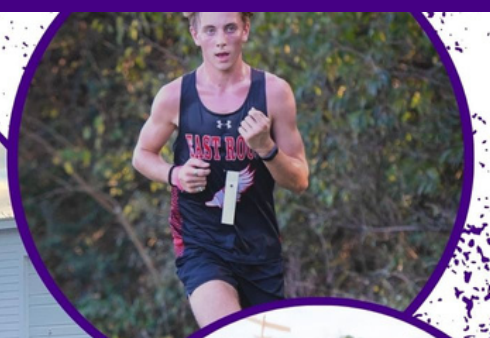


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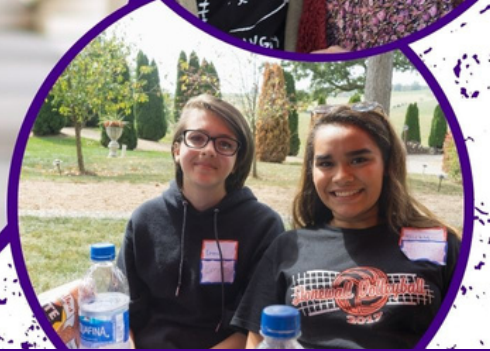




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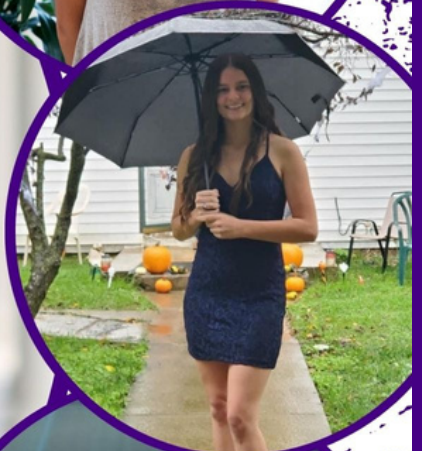


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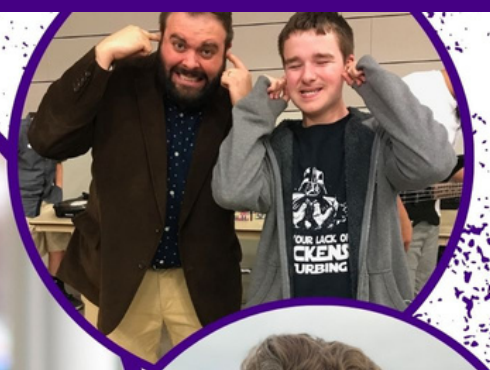


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