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YMWIC 2024 Summer Programs Wrap-Up

As the **OST Summer Program at Martin Luther King High School** came to a close, our Scholars had the opportunity to reflect on their journey. Throughout the camp, they visited four college campuses to learn about campus life, academic requirements, dormitory life and financial aid. The MLK Scholars enhanced their math and ELA as they prepared for the upcoming 2024-2025 academic year. The Scholars enhanced their financial literacy skills, learned about entrepreneurship, and presented a real non-profit organization project at their end-of-summer dinner and banquet event. The Scholars picked up the existing MLK Non-Profit business that was created during the spring to identify their budget, their fundraising project and two of their four community service projects. The Scholars presented their projects to their parents and guests during the end-of-summer banquet. They will be presenting their entrepreneurship projects to the Martin Luther King High School principal in the upcoming weeks; this presentation was great practice.

Initially, many Scholars joined the Summer Program with the motivation of earning a stipend. However, as the Program progressed, they discovered that the true value lay in the enriching experiences and personal growth they achieved. Through college visits, engaging projects, and team-building exercises, our Scholars stepped out of their comfort zones and embraced new challenges.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the Program was witnessing the transformation of our Scholars. They began to shed their reservations, building confidence and forging new friendships. The environment fostered at MLK allowed them to express themselves freely and explore their interests in a supportive setting.

By the end of the week, the Scholars recognized that the Program was not just about financial incentives; it was about the memorable experiences and the opportunity to grow into the best versions of themselves. They learned valuable life skills, gained a greater sense of self-awareness, and developed a deeper appreciation for their abilities and potential.

We are incredibly proud of our Scholars and their achievements. The final week at the MLK OST Summer Program was a testament to their resilience, curiosity, and willingness to embrace new experiences. As they move forward, we hope they carry these lessons with them, continuing to grow and thrive in all their future endeavors.