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The Weekly Minutes

Toastmasters Week!

Speakers & Places

Thank you to our host site this week!

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• Toastmasters week!	• Sarah Petty Photography

Student Spotlight

Meet Kai

Kai attends Springfield High School. He plans to major in Supply Chain Management in college.

Kai heard about Sangamon CEO from alumni of the program. He says, "I applied to the CEO program after hearing about it through a bunch of friends that really enjoyed it. Not being certain at all about my future career plans, I decided to give the world of business a shot with this program."

He has really enjoyed hearing from business owners in Springfield. He says, "This class has opened me up to the small business world of Springfield that I never took any notice of before. With countless business owners and professionals in the city coming to CEO to give the class valuable knowledge, there is so much to take from this program."

Kai has been able to develop many skills through the CEO Program. He says, "My ability to work with others seamlessly has been tested in this class. With the task of running the LRS Ice Rink, I had to develop social skills to make sure that the business was operating properly. The skill of communicating effectively is so underappreciated, and I am so glad that I was able to put it to use."

We are looking forward to seeing all the amazing things Kai does the rest of the CEO school year and in his future endeavors!

Meet Grace

Grace attends New Berlin High School. She plans to go to a 4 year university and major in nursing.

Grace applied to the Sangamon CEO program because she has always had an interest in business. She says, "I wanted to know all of the things that goes into creating one/running it. I heard of the program from one of my friends from the previous classes! It seemed like such an awesome experience."

Grace has many takeaways from Sangamon CEO. She says, "My takeaways from the class for far is to stay true to yourself when starting a business. Do something you would enjoy and something that goes with your morals. A lot of the business' that come to talk to us talk about values and morals and how important they are when operating/owning a business."

Grace's business idea is an apparel business. She says, "My business idea for the class is a tie-dye clothes/tank tops/shirt/ hoodies. I have always loved comfy clothes and figured I would enjoy having a business where I can make those while keeping them stylish!"

Her favorite part about CEO is making connections. She says, "My favorite part of CEO is getting to meet so many new people that I most likely wouldn't have known without this program. Every person in the class is unique and teaches me something new."

We are looking forward to seeing all the amazing things Grace does the rest of the CEO school year and in her future endeavors!

Community Spotlight

Michael Lansden

How long have you been involved in CEO and in what capacity?
I was introduced to Nabih and the CEO program several years. Either the first of second year of the program. I truly enjoyed talking with Nabih and thought the program sounded like an amazing opportunity for the high school students and community. I have been an investor in the program as well as annually presenting to the students.

What motivates you to continue to engage with the program?
I always enjoy having the opportunity to talk with the kids. It's such a nice change from the normal day-to-day activities. It's always re-invigorating and a breath of fresh air. A chance to hear new ideas from the younger generation and then to see the students start to take a different vision of their future and the community. I've learned so much more about the local businesses and leaders of the community and I love hearing the many ideas from the students. Everyone I know that has been through the program mentions that it's one of their high school highlights.

In your mind, what is the most value that CEO provides, to the students, to your business and to the community at large?
I've always believed in hands-on experiences. Experiences outside of the class room that can help set students apart. This is such a truly different experience than anything else offered. It's not only a great experience for the students, but also for the community, business leaders, and parents. What a great way to learn about the community and have something powerful on your resume that sets yourself apart.

Do you have a favorite memory from the program?
My own daughter went through the program a few years ago. It was a great experience for her, and she ended up studying Entrepreneurship in college. My youngest daughter now can't wait for the opportunity to do the same.

CEO vs. Sharks News

Coming in April 2022!

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Introducing & Engaging with our students personal businesses!

CEO vs. Sharks Over the Years

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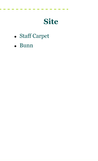

Internships & Jobs Corner

Account Executive
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