

Youth graduate Digital Connectors program

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Those involved with Digital Connectors have several videos that show exactly what they have learned this summer.

Several local youth graduated from the Digital Connectors program recently.

The students spent their summer in front of computers at Eagle-Tech Systems to learn more about technology, and screened videos they made at the graduation ceremony.

Graduates of the Digital Connectors class include Richard Harrington, Jillisa Suppah, Ryan Thomas, Adeline Gleason, Armando Rivero, Wayman Harry and Falcon Thompson.

Additional participants include Shawn Sohappy and Jaimerae Bagley.

Eagle-Tech Systems conducted Digital Connectors in conjunction with the One Economy Corporation.

Graduates received a laptop for completing the course, as well as a letter of recommendation from the One Economy Corporation.

One Economy Corporation is a global nonprofit organization that uses innovative approaches to deliver the power of technology and information to low-income people, giving them valuable tools for building better lives.

Digital Connectors served as a pilot project for local youth.

Leonardo Sosa, regional director for One Economy, spoke to families who gathered to watch the completed videos and said they often see youth involved in technology.

"We believe that young kids have a passion about technology," he explained, and added that with adequate training it can become a very beneficial career path.

In addition, Sosa said, those



Students who completed Digital Connectors attended a graduation program recently, along with teachers and coordinators of the program.

youth are then able to share their knowledge with the community. "That's the beauty of the Digital Connectors class," he explained.

Doug Jackson and Daniel Berumen both worked as coordinators and instructors for the program, and Jackson said he aimed to expose youth to more aspects of computers in order to bridge the digital divide.

In addition, he said, he hoped to help them develop leadership skills.

"It was a lot of fun for me," Jackson said at the graduation ceremony. "That's what I really liked about it was coming and seeing the same people everyday and showing them what I really like about computers."

Sosa praised the instructors, and said, "They took this program to a different level."

Armando Rivero acted as class speaker for his fellow Digital Connectors, and said he was approached about the class through the local arcade.

Though he was unsure about

it at first, Rivero said, the class seemed appealing.

"It's been an experience waking up early and getting down here," Rivero said with a laugh.

In the end, he added, the experience was a good one and he would recommend the class to any other youth.

Rivero showed a video on the topic "Where I'm From" that featured music and photos from the community.

Other topics included "If I Were President" and "A Day in the Life."

Falcon Thompson spoke about his video that showed what he sees during a typical day in his life.

The video featured things like a fight between two local boys, and Thompson said he chose to show that because those are the types of things he sees each day.

Other videos included footage of a drive through West Hills, basketball games or time spent golfing at Kah-Nee-Ta.

Adeline Gleason said she

In addition to learning about videos, she said, they learned how to make webpages and work with different types of pictures, among much more. They also learned life skills like speaking with proper English, she added.

She plans to continue using what she learned as she finishes high school, and is no longer intimidated by technology, Gleason said.

"I learned to be computer friendly," Gleason explained. "If I don't know an answer to the computer I can find out."

Now having completed the class, Gleason added, "It was really fun."

As for her fellow youth, Gleason said, it is an experience she recommends.

"If they have a chance to take a class like this they should go for it," she said. "It's a great experience."

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