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HHS Students Learn About Media Industry

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HARRISONBURG — A group of about a dozen rising freshmen and one sophomore from Harrisonburg High School toured the Daily News-Record to learn about the newspaper business and how the paper is made, as part of a media career-focused week.

The students are participating in On the Road Collaborative's four-week summer program.

Each week, the students will be exploring various careers in different fields. This week, students toured the Daily News-Record, and will do the same at radio station Q101 and television station WHSV, said Harrisonburg's Mayor Deanna Reed, who serves as the program director for On the Road Collaborative.

"Each week will be a different career enrichment," Reed said.

Next week students will explore careers in athletic training. The following week will focus on STEM careers and the final week will highlight different jobs in science fields.

Reed said she hopes the summer program will have at least 30 students and that they're are still signing up. The program is open to any Harrisonburg High School student.

Kamari Robinson is a rising freshman and said she wanted to attend the tour at the Daily News-Record because she might be interested in a journalism career.

"I like the idea of talking to people and telling their stories," Kamari said.

She first became interested in journalism two years ago, during her seventh-grade year. She has signed up to participate in the HHS student newspaper, the Newsstreak.

Kamari said that she learned about how the Daily News-Record is made and what goes into the paper.

Sports editor Jim Sacco, editor Clarissa Cottrill and city reporter Laine Griffin offered insight into what their jobs entail, and the functions of editors and reporters in a contemporary newsroom.

Fellow rising freshman Danahisy Reyes said she enjoyed learning about the printing press and how the newspaper is produced as well.

Danahisy said that although she loves to write, she's not sure whether a career in the media is for her. But she's enjoying touring different media outlets.

On the Road Collaborative is a nonprofit youth empowerment organization that sets middle and high school youth on the road to college and career.

If you're interested in the summer apprenticeship program and want to sign up or learn more, go to www.ontheroadcollaborative.com/signuphhs.html.

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