NIA: PATHWAYS & PURPOSE FOR THE FUTURE

After school career exploration program for 7th-12th graders in the Black community

Connect with local mentors!

Receive support in resume writing, interview skills, job & college applications, and more!

Learn new skills like robotics, cooking, outdoor activities, and art!

Build leadership skills and boost your resume!

Meet new friends!

Travel around the city, state, and country!

Nia is an extra-curricular program designed for 7th-12th grade students in the Black community to explore their skills, interests, and options for after high school. Nia helps connect youth with the resources available to pursue their goals and dreams. While in Nia, youth have the opportunity to work with local mentors and learn about college, professional training, and work options in a fun, hands-on way before making a decision about their futures.

A partnership between the Kenosha Public Library and UW-Madison Division of Extension, Nia brings together a collection of awesome local resources. Nia provides weekly programming after school that includes workshops with local leaders in the community, resume, job, and college application assistance, homework help, and career skill building. In addition to meeting every Thursday, Nia hosts events, field trips around the state and country, and provides a collection of resources available to youth at any time. It is an adaptable program that changes depending on the ideas and needs of the youth involved. Building confidence, fostering community, and having fun are at the center.

"Nia" is a Swahili word meaning "purpose." Nia is a program built on a philosophy of youth leadership and helping each youth find their purpose and a career that makes them happy, whatever they decide that may be. This is a program geared toward youth in the Black community. All are welcome.

Starting April 28, 2022: Every Thursday Afterschool

Students are welcome to join right afterschool anytime between 3-6pm!

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To sign up or for more information, please contact Extension Kenosha County Youth Educator, Erica Ness (262) 857-1934, erica.ness@wisc.edu







