# **TEEN PATHWAYS**





BGCTC's Teen Pathways program prepares teens for high school graduation with a post-secondary plan, focusing on **Discovering Skills and Interests** for 6th, 7th and 8th graders, **Exploring Community** for 9th and 10th graders, and **Identifying a Plan for the Future** for 11th and 12th graders.

Each age track includes activities in 8 developmental areas:

- 1. Service: service to Club and community, servicelearning accreditation
- 2. *Leadership:* leadership clubs and council/committee leadership opportunities
- 3. Youth Voice: current events, town hall meetings, forums
- 4. *Healthy Mind, Body, and Soul:* holistic approach to a culture of wellness, positive conflict resolution techniques, healthy behaviors, goal setting, and resilience skills building
- 5. **School Success:** academic goal setting, school work support, ACT/SAT prep
- Planning for a Future: career exploration, financial literacy, workforce readiness, college visits, job/ internship placements
- 7. *Creative Expression:* writing, performing/visual arts, digital music, audio, and video production
- 8. **21st Century Skill Building:** STEM enrichment and skills training

#### OUR "NORTH STAR"

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All members on track for a successful future beyond high school graduation.





### **EMPOWERING OUR FUTURE WORKFORCE**



## THROUGH TEEN PATHWAYS, TEENS GAIN TOOLS FOR SUCCESS:

- Teens gain self-confidence and self-efficacy to transition into postsecondary education in pursuit of their career aspiration.
- Teens are equipped with the skills and confidence to obtain their first job and/ internship.
- Teens are equipped with decision-making skills and engage in sound financial behaviors that put them on the path to financial well-being to achieve their personal and postsecondary goals.
- > Teens discover individual strengths in working as part of a team.
- Teens see themselves as leaders and grow through their relationships with youth development professionals and peers.
- Teens are equipped with real world experience designing, planning, and carrying out projects.

#### Program activities include:

- Diplomas2Degrees academic goal setting
- Money Matters financial literacy
- Career Launch job skills, career exploration, and mentoring
- STEM enrichment and technology skills training



Career Day Experiences, career workshops from corporate representatives, and our annual Great Futures workforce fair introduce teens to education and employment options and provide teens opportunities to learn about immediate and long-term employment tracks.