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Southland Prep juniors staying busy



Alexus Newson and Marcell Vanarsdale, of Park Forest. Vanarsdale, a Southland College Prep Charter High School student, will spend part of his summer in an investment banking camp at Vanderbilt University. | Supplied photo

Several Southland College Prep Charter High School juniors planned to maintain their academic momentum by participating in programs throughout the country this summer.

"After a long and academically challenging school year, it's very encouraging to see that many of Southland College Prep's students are opening their vistas to so many different programs and opportunities to study, travel and participate in national competitions," Blondean Davis, CEO of the public charter high school, said.

"All of these experiences will serve them well when they enter college and prepare for their life's journey," she said.

Nadia Ferrer, Olympia Fields, was to participate in engineering programs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Wisconsin.

Elijah Calloway, Matteson, planned to attend a six-week international Business Summit in Costa Rica.

Marcell Vanarsdale, Park Forest, was to spend part of his summer in an investment banking camp at Vanderbilt University in Ashville, N.C.

Helena Annanikola, Country Club Hills, was to attend a University of Chicago academic camp based on the Great Books program. Annanikola also planned to attend academic camps at Northwestern University and the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Morgan Brown, Matteson, was to compete in the National Forensic League National Speech and Debate Tournament, the world's largest academic contest, in Birmingham, Ala.

Ashley Jackson, Matteson, planned to attend Prairie State College's Enrichment Camp, while Christopher Morris, Country Club Hills, was to spend his summer in the Chicago Conservation and Wildlife Parks program.

Other members of the junior class intended to spend the summer months as camp counselors, library clerks, volunteers in summer church programs and as retail employees.

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