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Student Focus: Agape Community Center

Mayor Barrett's Earn & Learn program encompasses a variety of students in various work settings. Three Earn & Learn employees at Agape Community Center recently described their experiences at the Center and what they do in a typical work day and proved why Earn & Learn works.



Kinishewa Quinn (left), Daneisha Brown and Evalynn Payne work at Agape Community Center on Milwaukee's north side.

Name: Evalynn Payne

Age: 16

School: Messmer High School

Job Placement: Agape Community Center

Title: Kitchen Staff



Evalynn was placed with Agape Community Center through the Earn & Learn application process and now works part-time as part of the Kitchen Staff. When asked about her typical work day, she replied: "My supervisor tells me what food to prepare for the kids, and then I set up tables and chairs

for lunch." Evalynn is part of a team that makes meals daily for over 150 Agape Summer Camp kids and staff members. Being able to serve food and interact with these children is what Evalynn considers the "best part" about her day.

In addition to her relationship with the summer camp kids, Evalynn likes **"just talking with my supervisor and being with the staff."** When asked if she would look for another job with Earn & Learn next summer, she said that she would – especially to return to Agape. **"Agape would have to recommend me, but I'd like to come back."**

This upcoming school year, Evalynn will be busy attending Messmer High School. Her post-high school plans include a career in child psychology and possibly playing college basketball. But for the summer, her downtime includes more basketball...and just reading and hanging out."

Name: Daneisha Brown
Age: 15
School: South Division High School
Job Placement: Agape Community Center
Title: Receptionist



As a receptionist at Agape Community Center, Daneisha Brown encounters a variety of summer camp kids. She likes **“signing in the kids because you get to learn all of their names.”** Her typical work day involves answering phones, doing paperwork, checking-in students and doing filing and computer work. So far, it has proven to be an educational experience as well. Daneisha says she likes “learning the business-aspect of computer work more.”

Earn & Learn helped connect Daneisha with her job at Agape, and she says she would like to work there next summer as well. Outside of work, Daneisha has many interests, among them reading (she names Edgar Allen Poe as one of her favorite authors) and playing sports (she will be starting tennis for South Division in August). As for her post-high school plans, Daneisha already aspires to be a pediatrician, either going out of state, or attending the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Name: Kinishewa Quinn
Age: 16
School: Hamilton High School
Job Placement: Agape Community Center
Title: Cook



Kinishewa Quinn found her way to Agape Community Center through her Step-Up Coordinator – a program she has already been a part of for three years. As a cook at Agape, she makes meals, prepares snacks, sets tables and cleans up. Kinishewa has had a unique experience at Agape and says that the best experience she’s had is **“just meeting everybody. Everyone here has different personalities.”**

In addition to her work at Agape, Kinishewa finds time for another part-time job Thursday through Sunday and enjoys “hanging out with friends and family.” When asked about her post-high school plans, Kinishewa replied that she intends to go out of state for college with a major in Accounting. She has already begun preparing for the college experience for the past two summers, by attending the University of Oshkosh’s pre-college business program.