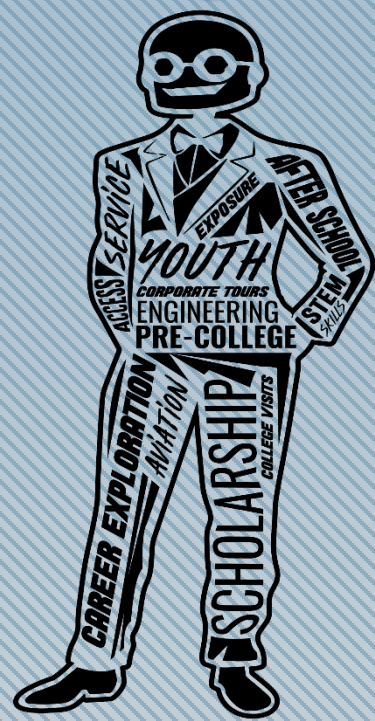


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Background

- Oklahoma City, single-parent low-income household
- Interests
 - Poetry
 - Sports: boxing, football, basketball, wrestling
 - Math, Science & Serving Others
- College (OSU-Stillwater)
 - B.S in Mechanical Engineering Tech.
 - M.S in Industrial Engineering Management & Entrepreneurship
 - Currently pursuing an Ed Tech PhD



Catalyst for Change

Oklahoma Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation

Since 1994 Oklahoma State University has served as the Lead Institution for the Oklahoma Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (OK-LSAMP). The OK-LSAMP program has sought to increase the number of underrepresented minority students pursuing and completing degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). During the 16 years of support from the National Science Foundation and with the support of 11 alliance partner institutions, Oklahoma has successfully graduated over 8,500 minority students in the STEM disciplines. In 2009-2010 the alliance institutions



graduated more than 900 minority students in the STEM disciplines. This represents a 33% increase over the previous year. Oklahoma is also completing Phase IV of the Bridge to the Doctorate program. Currently 24 Fellows are completing requirements for graduate degrees. In 2009-2010 OSU OK-LSAMP Scholars were also recipients of a Goldwater Scholarship, 4 Udall Scholarships, and an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Scholarship. In addition 15 students participated in international research opportunities and 26 were admitted to graduate programs throughout the U.S.



Inspiration



Spark



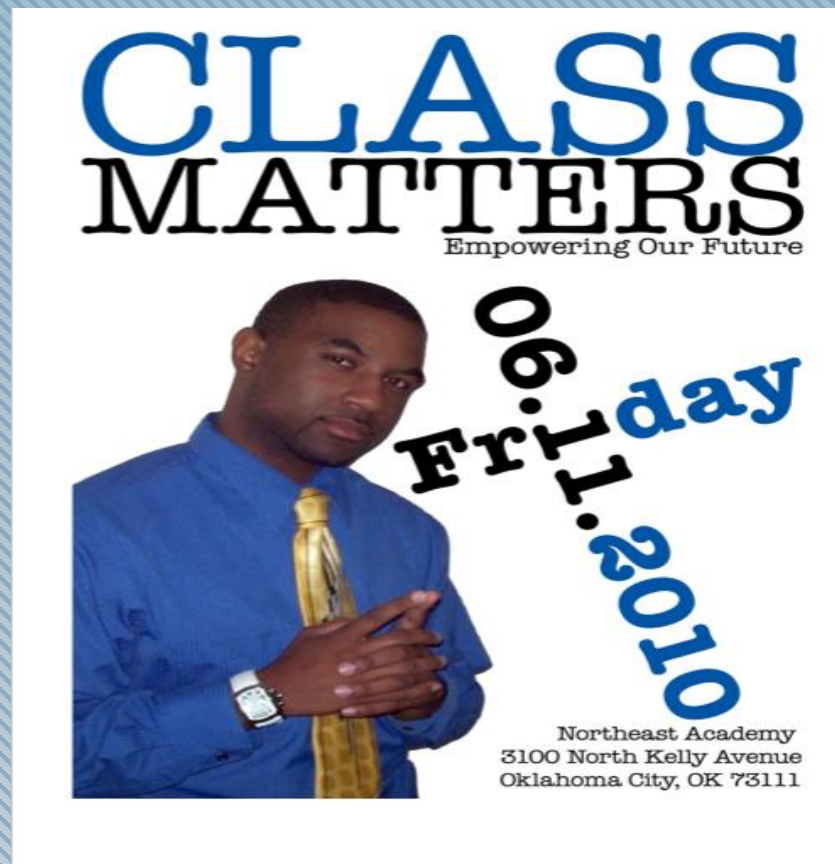
TRiO Department

In September 2009, OSU established a single department within the Division of Institutional Diversity that houses the three existing TRiO programs (Upward Bound and two Educational Talent Search programs) at OSU which are funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Education. TRiO programs serve low-income, first-generation, and/or students with disabilities. The programs' mission is to assist pre-college students to persist and graduate from high

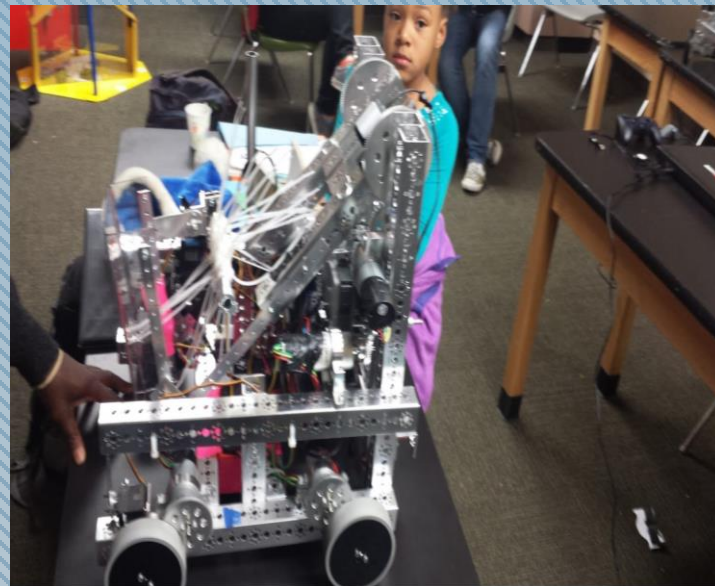
school and go on to post-secondary education. In September 2010, OSU was awarded an additional TRiO grant, the Student Support Services program which will serve 140 OSU students who are low-income, first-generation, and/or students with disabilities. All of these programs are free to the participants, and help strengthen OSU's commitment to first-generation and low-income students.

Wrong Idea

- Self-Centered vs. Purpose Driven
- Poor Marketing
 - Zero Attendance
 - No knowledge of who executes made decisions



Fulfilling Others Vision



Write the Vision

- 2014 M.S. in Entrepreneurship
 - Business Plan
 - Elevator Pitch
 - Acquire Customers

The competitive edge

Fine tuning ideas through competitions



Pitch and Poster Competition

All businesses start with a cool idea, and before committing to writing a business plan, a pitch and poster competition is the perfect way to get feedback on your business idea or product.

→ **Pitch your idea**



Riata Business Plan Competition

Hosted by the OSU School of Entrepreneurship and the Riata Center, the competition is open to OSU students from any discipline with or without business experience. Competitors compete by writing and entering a 10-page business plan for their venture.

→ **How to enter**



External competitions

The Riata Center helps students turn their ideas into award-winning pitches for competitions all over the country. From apps to food innovations and individual and team competitions, Riata has the resources to guide students to success.

- **Love's Entrepreneur's Cup**
- **Tulsa Startup Series**
- **OSU App Center Competition**
- **OSU Food Product Innovation Competition**



Consequences to Disobedience

- Utilize Sports to engage with participants recruitment & retention

From The Oklahoman Staff Reports May 13, 2015



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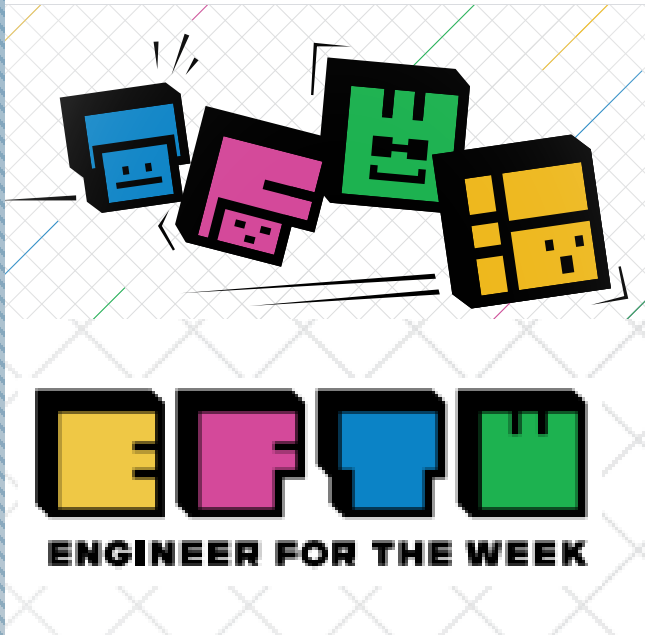


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Imposter Syndrome

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MISAPPROPRIATION



Vision Realized

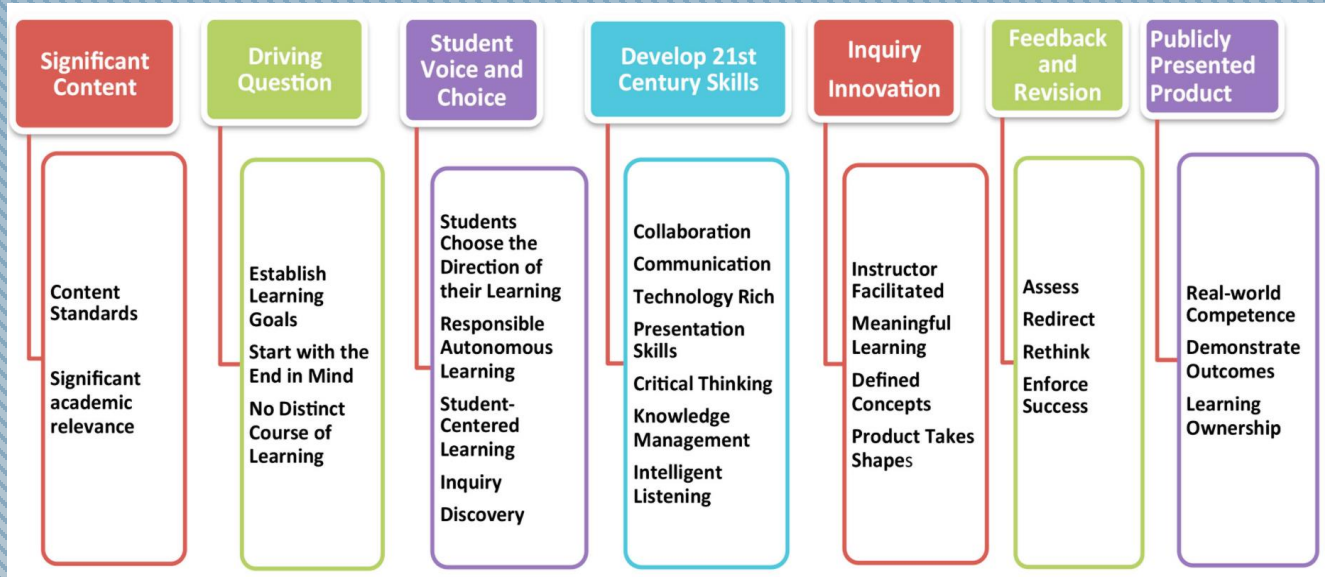


Table 1: Essential Elements of Project-Based Learning (Lorin Mayo, 2013)





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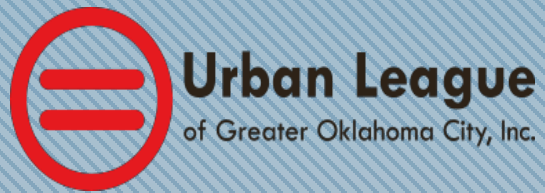
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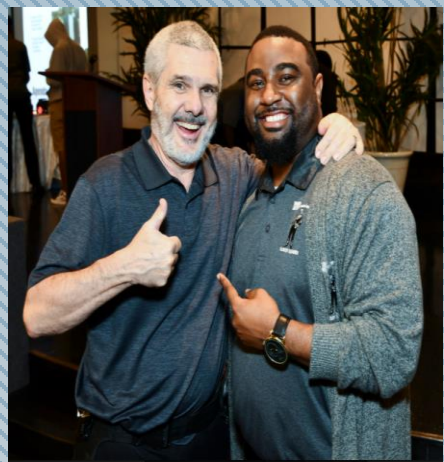




Collaboration



Dream-Builders



Class Matters Oath

I Promise Myself...

To be so strong that nothing can disturb my peace of mind.

To be the light to the world that drives out darkness.

To be useful, not used.

To make changes, not excuses.

To dream, believe, lead, and excel, not give up.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To have self esteem, not self pity.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To give so much time to improving myself that I have no time to criticize others.

To think well of myself and to proclaim this fact to the world, not in loud words, but in great deeds with love and integrity.

To choose my inner voice of positivity, not the random negative voices of others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

To practice the pause. When in doubt, pause, when angry, pause, when tired pause, when stressed, pause, and when I pause, I will reflect that I am Future!

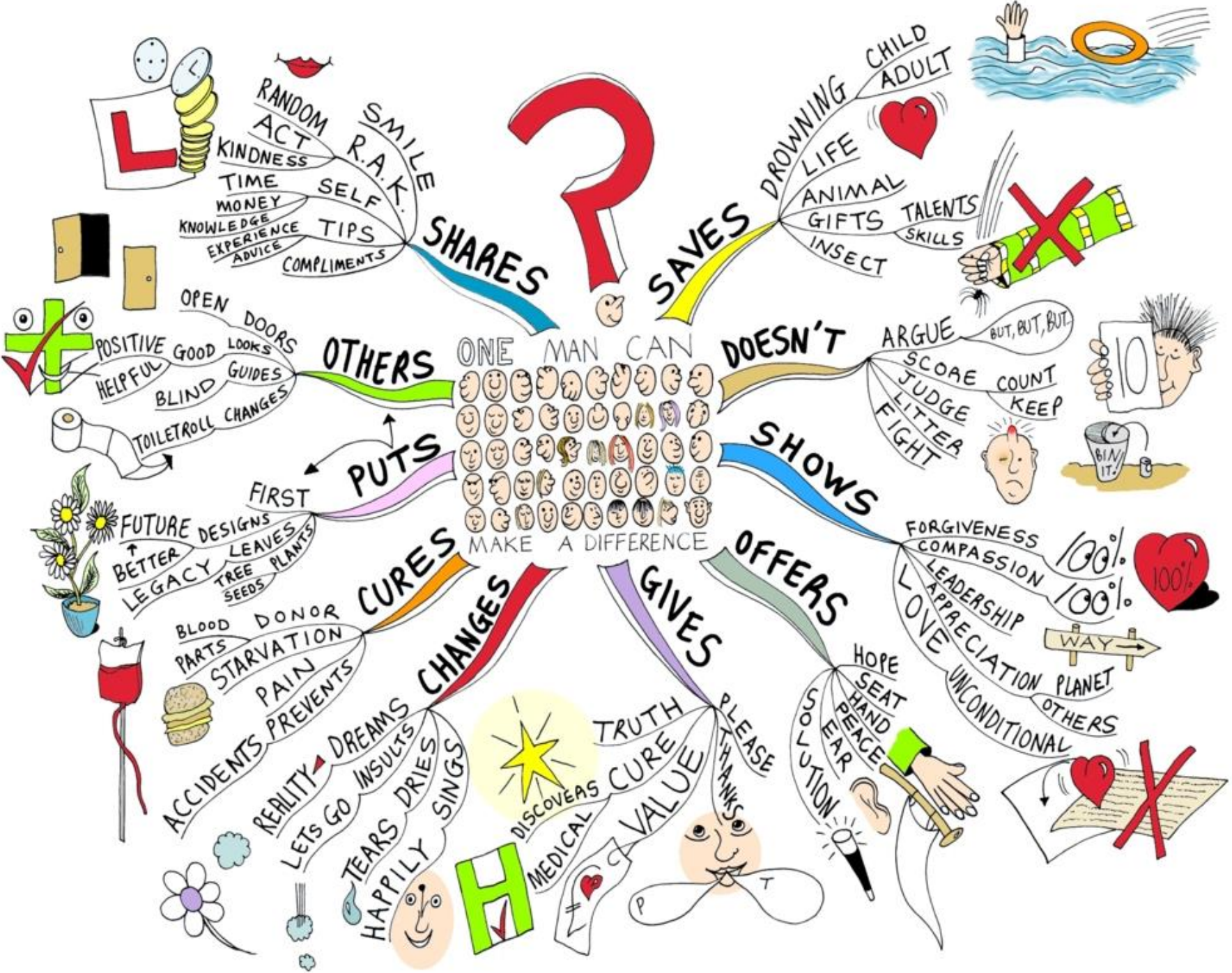
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Conclusion

- Live each moment to the fullest, for a moment too soon becomes a memory.
- Don't count the steps ahead; just add up the total of steps already covered, and multiply it by faith, confidence, and endurance.
- Don't be afraid of taking a dream and doing anything, risking everything, and stopping at nothing, to make it a reality!





Self Pledge



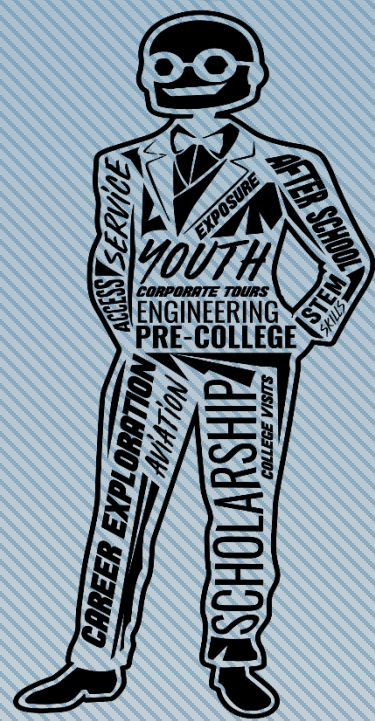
When no one else is with me,
and no one seems to care,
I will say to myself,
"I am the controller of my destiny.
It's up to me what comes to pass,
and if I keep my thoughts positive and strong,
my dreams will come true."



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