

THE COLUMBIA FUTURE FORGE

LIFE READY. JOB READY.

SEPTEMBER 2022

KICKING OFF YEAR 2 AT HAYES FREEDOM

This month Forge mentors began their second year on the campus at Hayes Freedom High School in Camas. Last year, Matt and three Forge mentors teamed up with Kelly Johnson, Hayes Freedom CTE teacher, to pilot a character development curriculum with freshman students. Over the summer, new ideas for topics and the format were planned and on September 12, Matt and the mentors re-launched Mentor Mondays. Each Monday Matt highlights a character trait exemplified by a historical person. After some classroom discussion of real life experiences and applications, small groups hold more in-depth follow-up conversations. A few of last year's students have maintained relationships with Forge mentors over the summer and some have become Mowtown employees. We look forward to reconnecting with students from last year and building new relationships in the classroom this year.



2022-2023 FORGE TRAININGS

October 23rd - Student/Parent Orientation

November 20th - Personality & Gifts Profile

January 8th - Goal Setting

February 12th - Professionalism & Communication

March 12th - Money Management

April 16th - Final Certification Party

(All trainings are held in the Youth Center from 3-5pm)

Any interested young adults who would benefit from learning about these topics, along with mentor support, can check out our website and apply at www.thecolumbiafutureforge.com/apply.



UTMOST ATHLETICS

Utmost Athletics kicked off its fall schedule this month and welcomed back the Clark College Baseball Team for the fourth year! Utmost has established itself as being a place where all ages and physical abilities are welcome. Our coaches support individuals by helping them to work towards their strength goals safely and with proper technique. We have athletes ranging from age 13-75! Are you or someone you know interested in increasing your strength, balance and overall health? We have openings in the following training groups that meet on Mon, Wed, & Thurs:

6:30-7:45am, 8:00-9:15am, 4:00-5:15pm, 5:15-6:30pm

Email us at utmostathletics@gmail.com or call Anne (530)635-1672 to get more information!



The 2022-23 Clark Baseball Team at the Utmost Welcome and Orientation Dinner. A huge thank you to Libby Agosti, Susan Gilbert, Jan Ferguson, and Carole Langsdorf for preparing and serving the meal!
Go Penguins!





WAY TO GO, IAN!

Ian Florence, a recent Forge graduate, and a former Mowtown employee, now has a job at Burgerville. We are proud of Ian and his hard work. It's always great to walk into a local business and see a Forge student employee!

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FALL MOWTOWN PROJECTS

Our Mowtown crew continues to do excellent work with our residential clients. For the last few months Mowtown has been operating at capacity and we have had to turn away new lawncare customers. **We are still available for single Saturday projects and work days** such as leaf clean up, weeding, trimming bushes and shrubs and mulch installation. If you are looking for some help with your yard, let us know! Saturday projects provide valuable job experience and employment opportunities for young adults as they work alongside and learn from our adult crew. To request an appointment to discuss your property needs with our crew boss, Luis Castillo, call (360) 210-2852 or email columbiateenenterprises@gmail.com.



MEET LUIS CASTILLO

Luis Castillo joined the Mowtown team in February 2022 as our part-time Crew Boss. Luis launches the crew at the start of each day, helps to keep the equipment maintained, meets with customers to talk about their property needs, and provides bids for projects. His leadership offers crucial support for our weekday crew and helps Mowtown operations run smoothly.

Luis has worked in the recycling business, run his own house and window cleaning business and has focused on residential lawn care for the last 6 years, so he brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to Mowtown.



When Luis is not working with Mowtown or his own lawncare clients, he can be found spending time with his wife and 2 children and taking a moment to rest.

We are thankful for Luis and the skill and hard work he brings to Mowtown Teen Lawncare.

FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Each fall we meet new athletes that require financial assistance in order to participate in Utmost Athletics (about 25% of our athletes receive partial scholarships). Over the years some of our faithful donors have chosen to specifically support this scholarship program, making it possible for us to welcome all athletes. We continue to see an increase in athletes in need of scholarships. Donating \$100 per month allows us to provide scholarships for 2 or 3 Utmost participants. A one time gift of \$1,000 would cover all current scholarships for one month!



Additionally, as our Mowtown customer base has grown, we have become aware of people who are in desperate need of a yard clean up or various lawn care services. Many are older and can't physically do the work themselves, some are facing a difficult housing or health situation and are temporarily unable to pay to have the much needed work completed. Whenever possible, Mowtown and the Forge try to take on some of these jobs at low or no cost to the customer. Our hope is to be able to respond to these requests and continue to serve our community in this way.

If you would like to support our work in either of these areas, you can click below or send a check payable to the Columbia Future Forge at the address below. Please specify "Utmost Scholarships" or "Mowtown Scholarships" in the memo line. Thank you!

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