
☆ CODES ☆

Capstone Project

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01 ✨ Introduction ✨





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✧ Alton Middle School Research Team ✧



02 ✨ Work Summary ✨



Work Summary- Alton Middle School

Process

- Research Plan
- Consent Forms/IRB
- Recruitment
- Lesson Plans

Program Questions

- How can we create a sense of belonging in the Alton Middle School after school program to help the students feel safe sharing their life stories about youth violence?
- How can we share the student's videos with an appropriate audience?



03 ✨ Data Collection ✨

Data Collection

Crime Statistics

- Prior to working on site our team collected data on crime rates in Alton, IL.

<https://www.city-data.com/crime/crime-Alton-Illinois.html>

<https://cde.ucr.cjis.gov/LATEST/webapp/#/pages/explore/crime/crime-trend>

- After being on-site we continued collecting crime statistics of Alton, IL. By using the Illinois State Police website we created a heat map of all crime from 2022-2024 surrounding the Alton Middle School area.
<https://ilucr.nibrs.com/CrimeAnalytics/index.html>

On Site Work

- Working with the kids allowed us to gain knowledge and experience in creating meaningful and professional relationships.
- The kids did not always want to share about youth violence, but what they did share allowed us to learn various techniques for telling better stories through digital storytelling.



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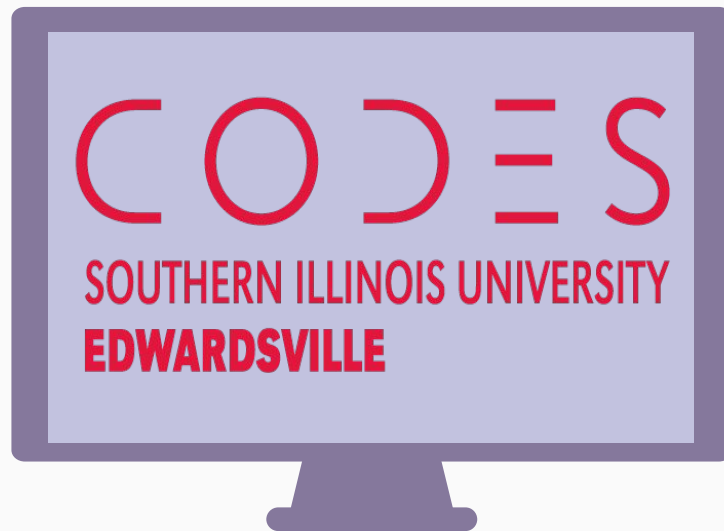
Products





Products

Each of us were assigned to complete two individual products that correlated with the work we had done throughout our time in the CODES program.





05

CODES
Experience

CODES Experience



Adaptability	Adjusting strategies to meet diverse needs and overcome unexpected challenges
Collaboration	Working effectively and efficiently to achieve shared goals
Community	Building connections and creating solutions with local stakeholders
Oral Communication	Presenting ideas clearly to inspire action and understanding
Problem Solving	Tackling real-world and personal challenges with creative and practical solutions
Skills For Lifelong Learning	Applying critical thinking and research skills beyond the classroom

Our Journey in CODES

Our Past



1 **Dr. Smith**

Sociologist

2 **Dr. Smith**

Historian



3 **Dr. Bennett**

Anthropologist



Present

4 **Dr. DeSpain**

English Professor
Director of CODES





06 ✨ **Conclusion** ✨



Conclusions



Skills Learned

Digital Storytelling
Media Production
Organizational Skills
Adaptability

Future Vision

Disseminate our work to
incoming CODE Scholars for
future use as well as
LifeWise STL.

Our Growth

Empathy
Collaboration
Responsibility
Time Management

Final Thoughts

Opportunity
Experience
Relationships
Benefits



Thanks!



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