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lab supervisor, said she appreciated all the hard work her students did to create the newsletter.

“It takes a lot of thought to come up with stories and to conduct interviews so they can then write those stories,” she said. Students also came up with the name of the Kid’s College newsletter, The Blue Dog, and created the newsletter InDesign document themselves.

Bailey worked in the news industry for many years and that part of her job was to teach the new employees. When the opportunity to teach students at NWACC occurred, she jumped at the chance and was also excited to teach younger students about journalism at Kid’s College. This is her second year to teach at Kid’s College.

Picasso with Pixels

Himani Patel

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Kids College has introduced a new idea to digital art software by hosting a Picasso with Pixels class on campus. The teacher of the class, Sean Fitzgibbon, is an art instructor at Kid’s College and at NWACC.

Fitzgibbon said the students in his Kid’s College class mostly talk about how Picasso himself created different forms of art. Instead of hands on activities, the students use traditional and digital techniques to make collages through Adobe Photoshop. This way, the artwork looks as abstract as possible like Picasso’s.

“I have been teaching for about 15 years,” Fitzgibbon said. “I like working with the students and enjoy sharing knowledge with them about different things.” Most importantly, “I like to teach them what I do.”

Picasso with Pixels can sound fun, but there are some difficulties to the concept of the class. Fitzgibbon said learning the software and tools can be difficult to understand for some. Also, learning how to put a composition together as well as knowing how to compose and design can be hard too. Along with the strains, there are the fun times. “The students like to be able to work with the technology and create their own Picas-



Photos by Mattie Bailey

Above, Fisher Muller, a student in the Code Breaking class, monitors animation his code writing created June 5 at Kid’s College at NWACC.

so-style images.”

Haya Raza, 13, a student at Fulbright Middle School, said she is learning about the stages Picasso went through in his painting career. “I am learning about how to draw a sketch of something and make it abstract like Picasso would.”

Addison Medlin, 12, a student at Bright Field Middle School, said she first joined a summer camp when she was 5 and enjoyed soccer and basketball classes. Raza said she learned about this topic before. “I learned some things like this in middle school,” she said. “In the mornings, we would make abstract designs in class.” Raza said she joined this class because she is into art. “I want to do abstract art and learn more about Picasso and his styles of abstract art.”

Summer Andrews, 10, a student at ANH Montessori, said “It’s [the class] actually pretty fun but the computers are pretty stressful.”

Build and Program Computers

Spencer De Villiers

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Lincoln Junior High, Bentonville

Many classes at NWACC can be very useful to students that take the classes, but there are also classes for younger students. These classes are part of Kid’s College. A popular class is called Build and Program Computers.

Students in the class included Chaise Schillinger, Mason Musich, and Drew Newton, who said that their jobs in the class were



Photo by Heaven Holland

Avery Gardner, left, and Summer Andrew, right, get some feedback June 5 on their art from Sean Fitzgibbon, center, the instructor of the Picasso with Pixels class.

to make and program a computer which, once they were done, was used to play a game. They all said that they joined the class because they really enjoyed computers and wanted to learn how to make them.

Schillinger said his favorite part of the class was playing on them [the computers]. Musich said his favorite thing was programming them and Newton said he liked snack time, which had nothing to do with the class at all.

The teacher, Bryan Aguiar, said when he wasn’t teaching Kid’s College, his job was teaching business classes at NWACC. Aguiar said it’s not hard to teach the building and programming computer class and that it was one of the easiest jobs he’d ever had. He said he was in his third year of teaching Kid’s College and that he noticed how much the children enjoy the class.

Aguiar said the students used Piper Computer Kits in the class. When the projects are finished, he said the students must give back the computers; however, next year’s class is making projects that everyone will be allowed to keep.

Kid’s College is an annual program during the summer at NWACC. In 2017, more than 300 students attended the summer program. Scholarship applications for 2019 may be available on the NWACC website by March 2019.

For more information about Kid’s College, contact Stacy Reagan at 479-936-5108 or at sreagan@nwacc.edu. Students may register at <https://www.nwacc.edu/web/workforce-economic-development/kids-college>.

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Kid’s College Kick Starts Summer Fun

Students Take Opportunity to Learn New Skills at NWACC



Photo by Gaby Du Quesne

Maddie Rampsy, 10, packs away her granola bar on June 5 in the Cooking and Baking: Beginners class at Kid’s College at NorthWest Arkansas Community College in Bentonville.

Heaven Holland

Blue Dog Staff

Washington Junior High School, Bentonville

Looking for camps for your kids? North-West Arkansas Community College has many different kinds of classes at its Kid’s College. During the first week, June 4-7, classes offered included Build and Program a Computer, Code Breakers, Cooking and Baking: Beginners, Design with InDesign and Picasso with Pixels. Students had a blast doing different kinds of activities in the Shewmaker Center for Workforce & Economic Development and the Shewmaker Center for Global Business Development on the main NWACC campus in Bentonville.

One of the more popular classes at Kid’s College is Robotics with many students registering for this class every week. However, Robotics was canceled for Week 1 because a replacement teacher couldn’t be found for the class, said Stacy Reagan, coordinator of Kid’s College and account executive for Business and Industry Solutions at NWACC. The Robotics class is historically a very successful class and students seem to enjoy it.

NWACC Kid’s College faculty and staff took care of the 36 students and made sure they had a good time and had snacks.

There are three more weeks of Kid’s College that offer various classes for two age groups: 9-12 and 13-16. There are still plenty of openings in the classes. Registration closes the Tuesday of the week before the class.

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Classes offered include:

- Python in Action, 1-4:30 p.m., June 11-14
- Website Development, 8:30 a.m. to noon, June 11-14
- Cooking and Baking: Beginners, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 11-14
- Politics & War: Build Your Own Country, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 11-14
- Design with InDesign, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 11-14
- Exploring Robotics: Beginners, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 11-14
- Robotics II: Advanced, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 18-21
- Cooking and Baking: Beginners, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 18-21
- Code Breakers, 8:30 a.m. to noon, June 18-21
- Crisis & the United Nations Security Council, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 18-21
- Build and Program a Computer, 1-4:30 p.m., June 18-21
- History's Mysteries, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 25-28
- Advanced Cooking: Global Cuisine, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 25-28
- Let's Gogh Paint! 1-4:30 p.m. June 25-28
- Advanced Robotics: Robo Battles, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 25-28

Cooking and Baking: Beginners

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The Cooking and Baking: Beginners class is actually a really fun class. They made many kinds of foods like homemade pizza with homemade sauce and dough; peanut butter bars; fruit leather; zucchini fries; whole wheat veggie wraps; muffins; blueberry spinach smoothies; salads; chocolate chip cookies and more.

Katie Roebuck, 11, said she chose to take the class "because I like cooking and baking." She said she enjoys cooking and baking, she had some experience with cooking before she attended this class.

Julian Vasquez, 12, said he "wanted to

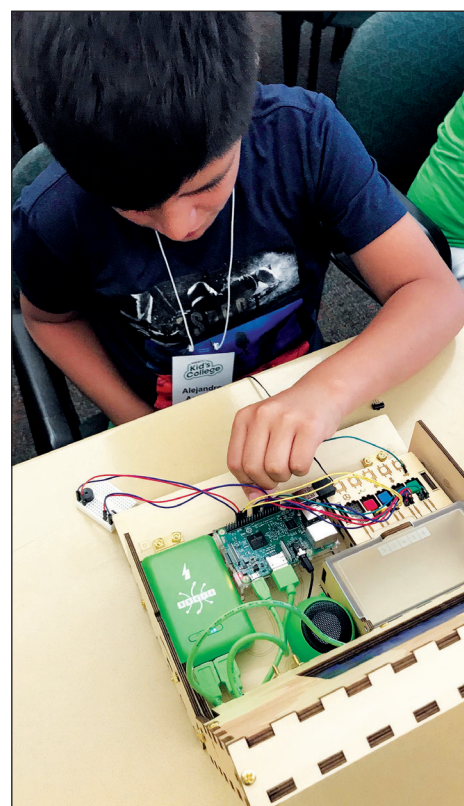


Photo by Himani Patel

Alex Aguilar makes his own computer June 5 in the Build and Program a Computer class at Kid's College.

learn how to use spices and how to cook better." He also enjoys cooking and baking. He said he didn't really have any experience with cooking class-wise, but he does know how to cook.

They both said they enjoyed this class and liked the different foods they made. Cooking and baking is a great class to attend because it is a great way to learn new, and different ingredients, and how to make different types of foods. The kids really enjoy this class and have fun baking and cooking together!

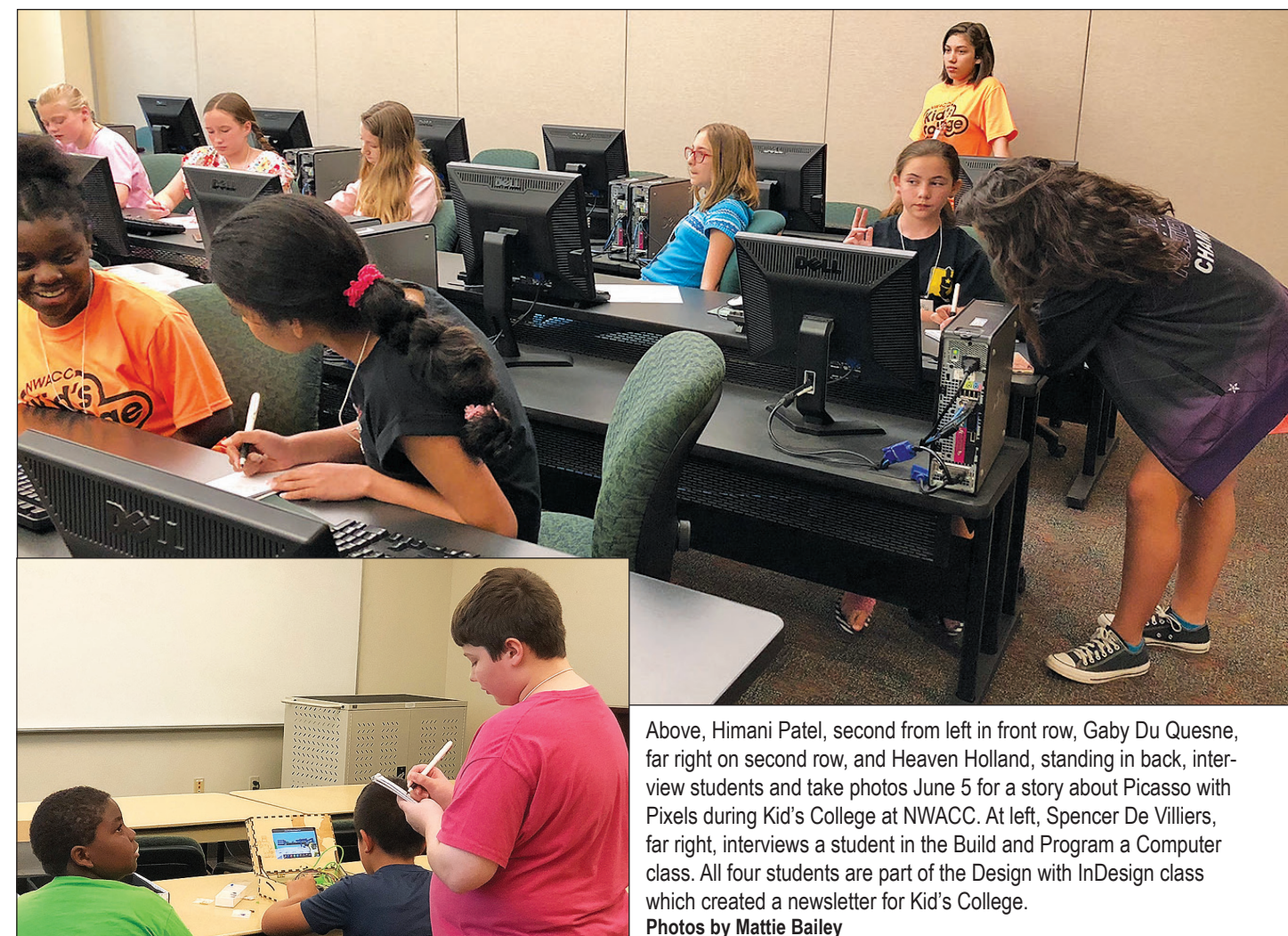
Code Breaking

Gabriela Du Quesne

Blue Dog Staff - Haas Hall, Rogers

Not all coding classes are the same. A student who took Code Breaking last year said sometimes students would create the code right then and there, but this year the

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Above, Himani Patel, second from left in front row, Gaby Du Quesne, far right on second row, and Heaven Holland, standing in back, interview students and take photos June 5 for a story about Picasso with Pixels during Kid's College at NWACC. At left, Spencer De Villers, far right, interviews a student in the Build and Program a Computer class. All four students are part of the Design with InDesign class which created a newsletter for Kid's College.

Photos by Mattie Bailey

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students moved "coding in blocks" to the correct position to make a program work.

The students used laptops and Scratch, which is a free programming language and online community where students can create their own interactive stories, games and animations, according to the website www.scratch.mit.edu.

This year's class, during Week 1, was not what some students were anticipating.

"I expected coding and fun," Mason Munsch said. "It's a little different than I was expecting - a different website."

One student had some doubts about the class. "I didn't [sign up for the class], my mom signed me up." But after participating in the class, he said he liked it.

Isaac Freund said he did sign up "because you can learn how to do a lot in coding."

Students in the class gave some advice

for people who may sign up for the class in the future: "Well, it's generally easy because you're not coding in python," Ethan He said. "Your coding in blocks so you don't have to know how to code."

Design with InDesign

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The Design with InDesign class showcased the world of journalism and touched on most aspects of creating a newspaper. The teacher, Mattie Bailey, showed students how to use Adobe InDesign and Photoshop to create a newsletter for Kid's College.

Students in the Design with InDesign

class visited each of the other Kid's College classes and interviewed students and teachers on their thoughts about the class they were taking at Kid's College. The class getting interviewed this time is the journalism class, also known as Design with InDesign. The students in Design with InDesign were Heaven Holland, 14, Himani Patel, 14, Spencer De Villers, 13, and Gabriela Du Quesne, 13.

Du Quesne said she came to the class because her teacher, Christina Wilkerson, suggested it to her. Holland said she enjoyed photography and that her mom signed her up for the class. Patel said the reason that she joined the class was because she heard it taught photography and Photoshop which she thought she could use when she went on a cruise ship later this summer.

Bailey, the NWACC student newspaper

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