

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

During the beginning of the new school year, Jaymie K., Ka'i K. and Caileen T. worked with the Konawaena Elementary Student Council to improve their leadership skills and discover the true meaning of what being a leader is.

Over the span of 2 months, the three of us played games with the students that taught them lessons about taking the lead, balancing kindness and assertiveness, and the importance of communication and planning ahead.

The experience was rewarding, being able to see the students' excitement when we walked into class, and taking everything we taught to heart. We look forward to seeing the difference they make in their school, and the student body, as they continue their educational career.



National 4-H Congress gave us the opportunity to see how 4-H has impacted many individuals' lives in different ways. Personally, the leadership aspect of 4-H played a major role in shaping us into the people we are today. With this being said, we wanted to instill the values of leadership into younger children to help them gain important life skills and characteristics; in a way that 4-H did for me.



Every two weeks we would plan activities for the students to do that helped the students practice the different skills that could help them to be better leaders. We worked on public speaking, collaborating with others, organization, and effectively communicating. This was accomplished through various games and activities that we had learned throughout our years in 4-H as well as at National 4-H Congress and with a recap at the end of the lesson to make sure everyone understood the purpose of what we were doing.

We enjoyed seeing the passion and enthusiasm of the kids. By the end of our lessons we noticed how much better the students had gotten at doing the things we had practiced. We encouraged the student council members to continue their passion for leadership and to keep practicing and demonstrating their leadership abilities.