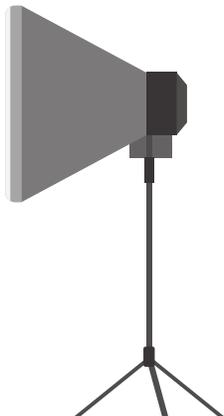


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Shazel Z
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Student Spotlight

Brian Sarad

Leyden Business/Tech Courses:

Digital Literacy, Consumer Education, A.P. Computer Science and Tech Support Internship

Accomplishments:

- FBLA - 2nd Place Database Design & Application
- FBLA - State Participant (results pending)
- ACCESS Certification Pending

Career Goals:

I plan to attend University of Illinois at Chicago for Computer Science. After graduation, I hope to become a database administrator or a Computer Science teacher.

Cool Tool

Flora is a gamified focus tool that helps you clear your to-do list. The tool blocks apps that are distracting to you (based on your preferences) to allow you to focus your time on more important tasks that you select. As you spend time away from distractions your digital tree grows. Challenge friends as well! BONUS Flora plants real trees based on their users goal completion!

Interested in learning more about apps and technology? Check out the business/tech classes like Coding & Computer Repair and AP CPS!



Career Corner

Tech Specialist

A tech specialist is a job that can vary by organization. It is one that might include database administration, access and systems management and much more. It is a job that is constantly evolving and changing and is a field that provides the opportunity for tremendous growth.

2008 East Leyden Grad and CURRENT

Leyden Tech Specialist, Gabe De Soto, has done just that...GROW. After graduating from Leyden, Gabe attended Triton and finished his bachelors degree in Computer Science at DePaul University. During H.S. and college he worked at Leyden and landed his



current role in 2010. Since then he has added many items to his list of experiences but his primary role is to maintain the security and function of the systems that house Leyden's data (Student, Business & Financial). While at Leyden, Gabe was a member of FBLA and competed at the State & National levels. He took many of the business and tech classes that were offered. His advice to students is: focus on the WHY of tech, then the how. don't be afraid to apply for a job due to limited tech experience, you can learn a lot on the job, problem solve and SHOW your experience with certificates and courses!

