



NYC Parks

Computer Resource Centers

Computer Resource Centers aim to increase community technology resources through providing internet access and technology education in New York City.

“Computers are magnificent tools for the realization of our dreams, but no machine can replace the human spark of spirit, compassion, love, and understanding.

– Louis V. Gerstner, Jr.
Former CEO of IBM

Connection to the Self



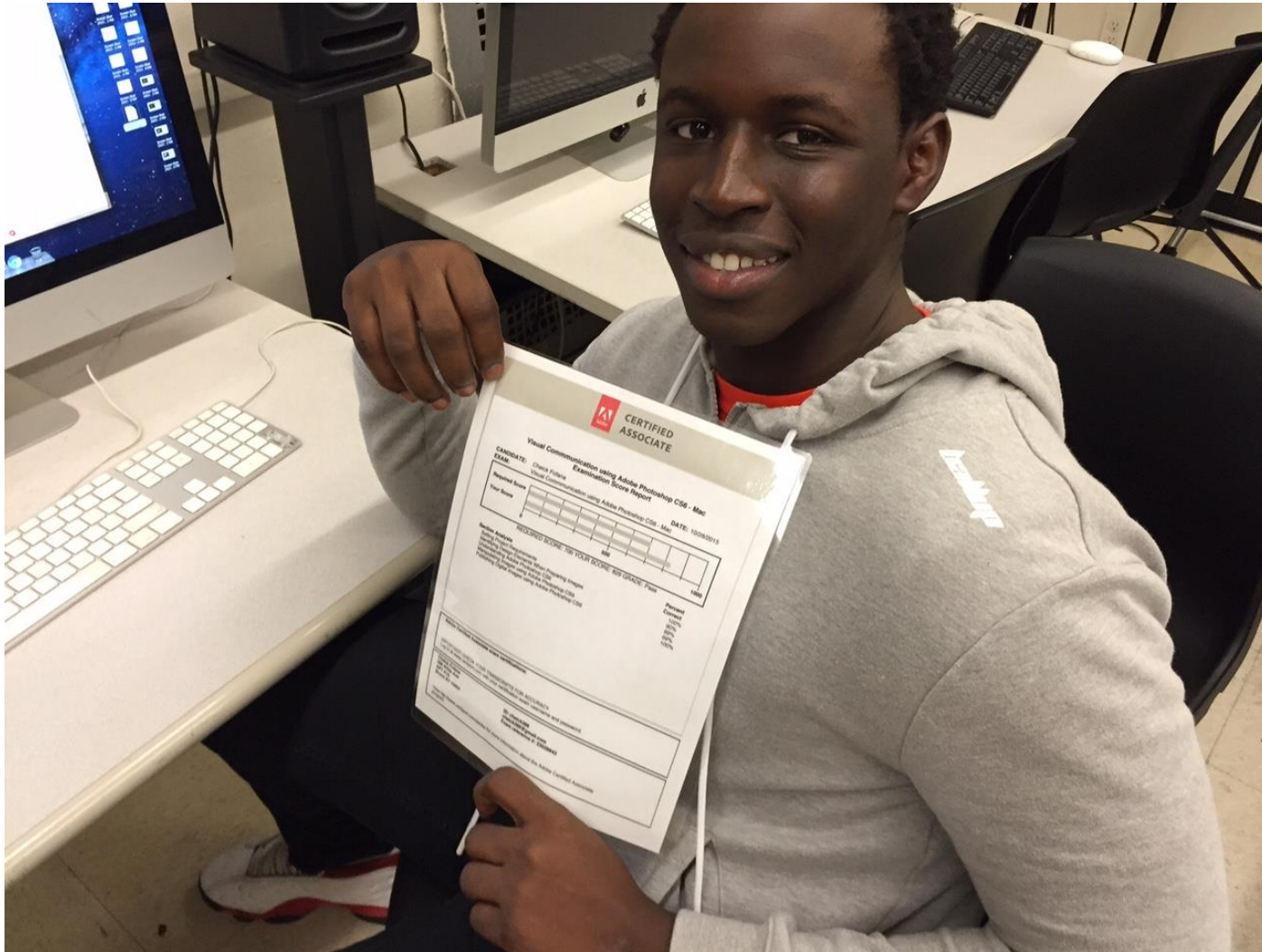
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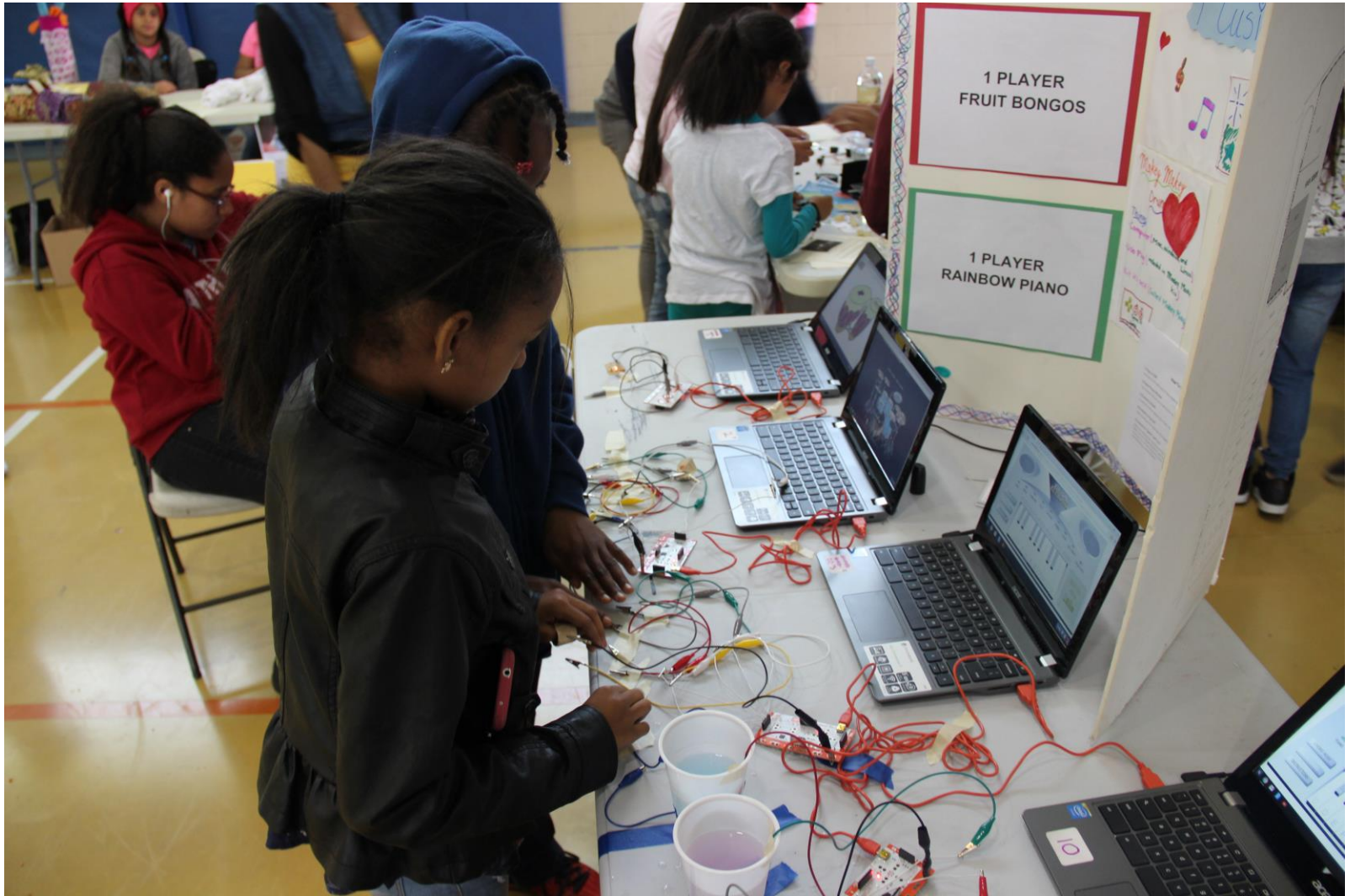
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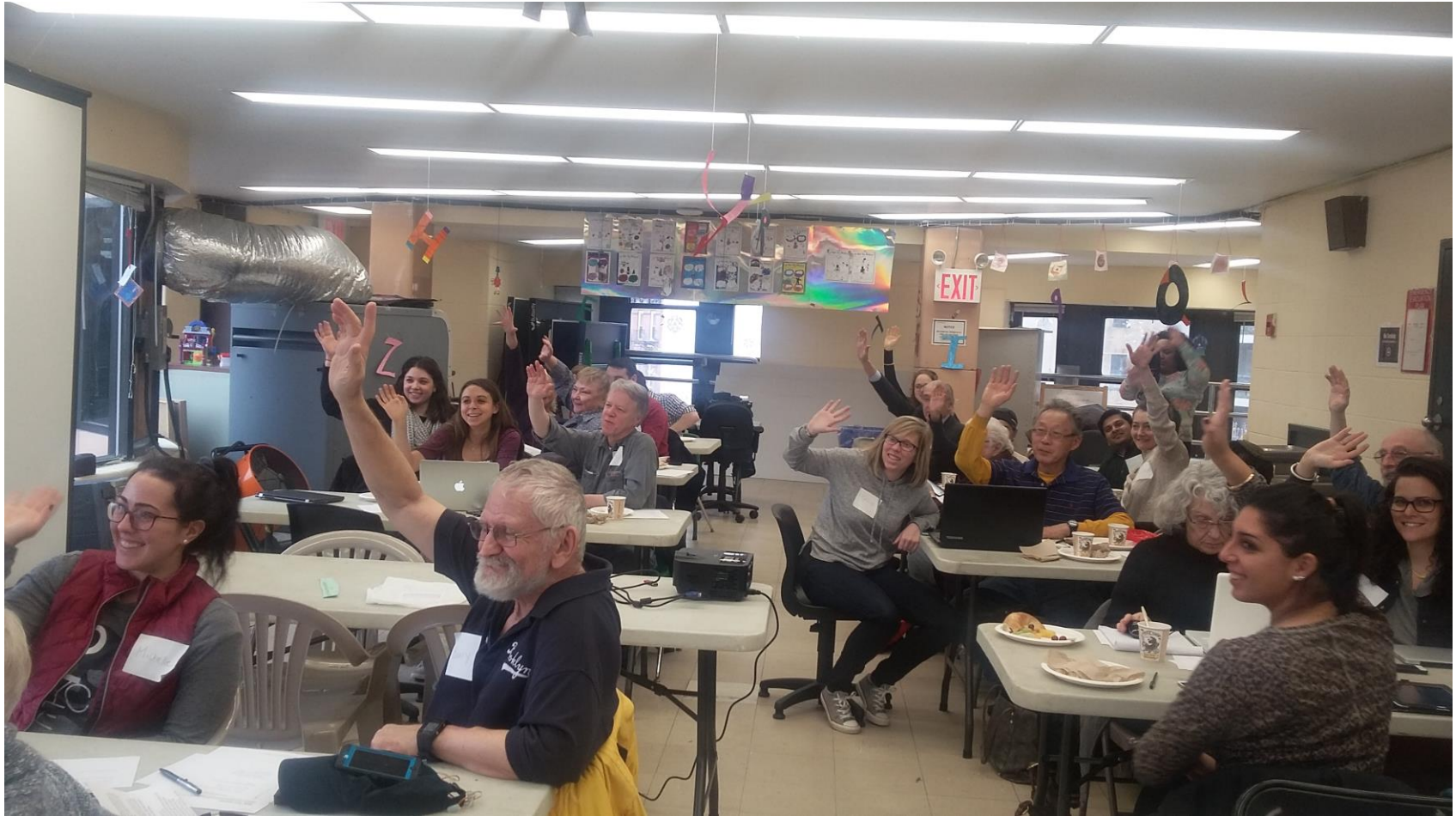
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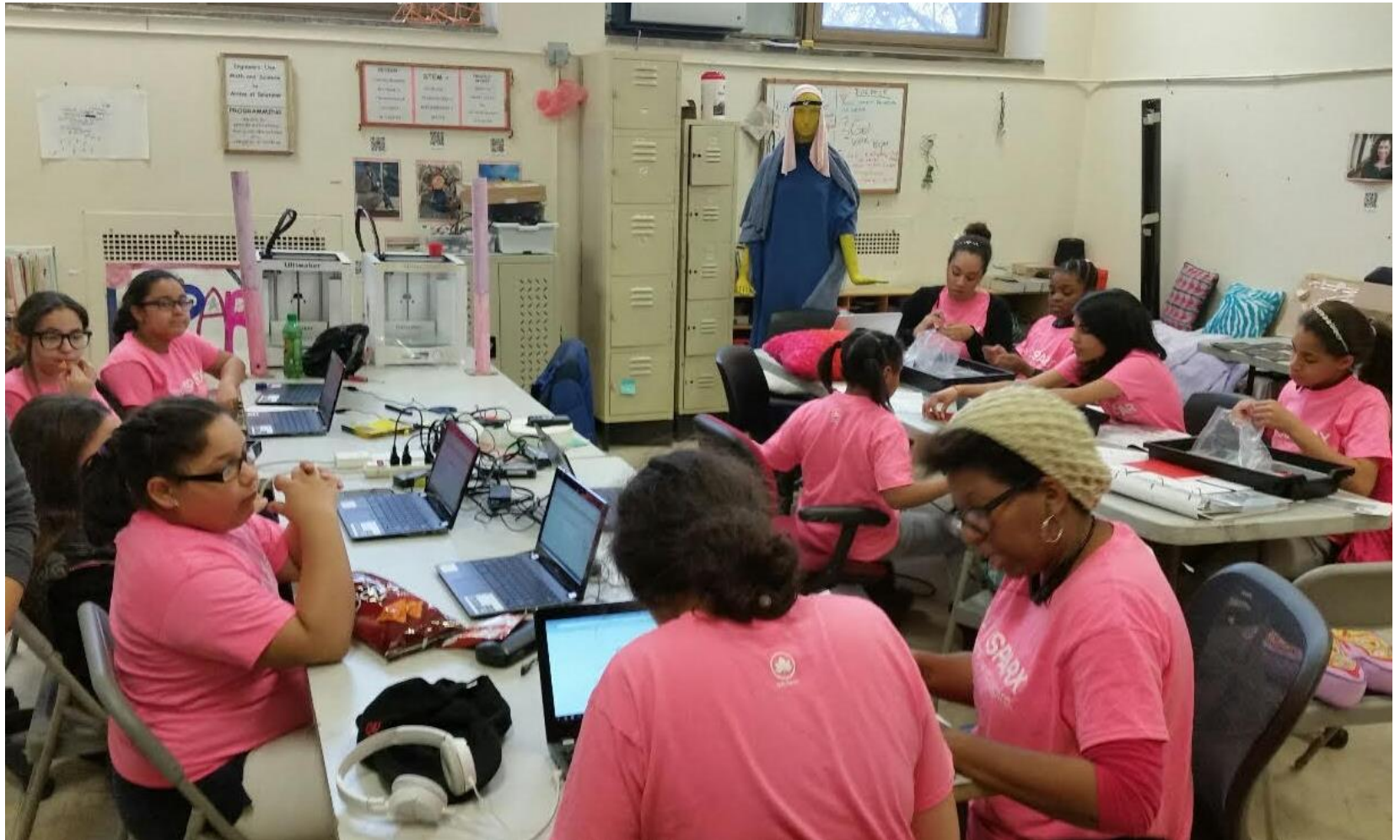
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Connection to the Natural World



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Recyclone Comic Book



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Parks without Borders

Urban Park Rangers

NYC Park's Urban Park Rangers

The Urban Park Rangers connect New Yorkers to the natural world through environmental education, outdoor recreation, wildlife management and active conservation.



Programs Categories



The Natural Classroom

Ranger Conservation Corps

Weekend Adventures

Custom Adventures



Our Disconnect with Nature

- Children are spending half as much time outdoors as they did 20 years ago.
- Only 6% of children ages 9-13 play outside on their own.
- Children who play outside are more physically active, more creative, less aggressive and show better concentration.
- Sixty minutes of daily unstructured free play is essential to children's physical and mental health.
- The most direct route to caring for the environment as an adult is participating in "wild nature activities" before the age of 11.

Our Disconnect with Nature

*“This principle holds that a reconnection to the natural world is fundamental to human health, well-being, spirit, and survival.”
— Richard Louv*



Role Models for Connection



Facilitating Connections to Nature





NYC Parks

Promoting connections to the **self**,
community and **the natural world**
through:

- Sports and Fitness Programs
- Educational and Cultural Activities
- Neighborhood Recreation

A Sense of Place

- Creating, improving and promoting places to be physically active can improve individual and community health and result in a 25 percent increase of residents who exercise at least three times per week.
- Parks and protected public lands are proven to provide a place for children and families to connect with nature and recreate outdoors together.
- Parks are a tangible reflection of the quality of life in a community. They provide identity for citizens and are a major factor in the perception of quality of life in a given community.
- Parks provide gathering places for families and social groups, as well as for individuals of all ages and economic status, regardless of their ability to pay for access.

Our true destiny...is a world built from the bottom up by competent citizens living in solid communities, engaged in and by their places.

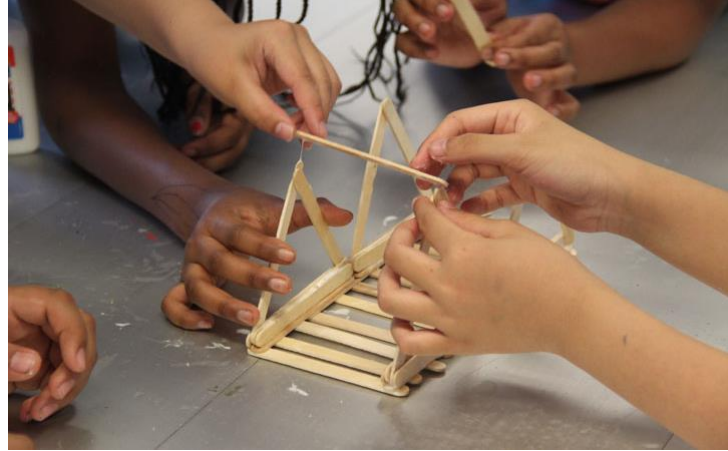
– David W. Orr



NYC Parks Programming Space: Outdoors



NYC Parks Programming Space: Indoors



Connection to the Self and Community



Connection to the Self, Community and the Natural World



Connection to Self and Community



Connection to Community and Self



Connection to the Self and Community



Connecting to the Self and Community



Connecting through Sports and Fitness



Connecting to the Self and Community



Connecting to Self and the Natural World



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“The playing adult steps sideward into another reality; the playing child advances forward to new stages of mastery.”

– Erik H. Erikson

