

# PM READY NEWSLETTER



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## PM Ready Year 1 Story

Founded in 2023, PM Ready is the first youth-led, youth-driven initiative dedicated to fostering the growth and development of future project contributors and leaders. We are thrilled to announce that PM Ready has recently gained approval as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, marking a crucial milestone in our mission.

At PM Ready, we believe in harnessing the potential of young minds, providing them with the necessary resources to excel in project management and leadership roles. Through our virtual events, Youth Leadership Program, blogs, reading lists, and Leadership in Art Student Competition, we make project management learning engaging and accessible, inspire youth to solve real-world problems, and support the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

We have been able to sustain our efforts in our first year with the support of families, teachers, business owners, community-serving organizations, and, of course, the expertise and service passion of 30+ global changemakers, many of whom are PMI-certified. However, to ensure the success and sustainability of our programs, we rely on the generous support of individuals and organizations who share our vision for empowering youth leadership.

During this giving season, we ask that you consider showing your support for PM Ready with a **tax-deductible donation**. Your support will directly fund our programs and outreach efforts, allowing us to reach more young minds and provide them with the tools they need to realize their full potential and make a meaningful impact on their communities and beyond. EVERY DONATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

**[Meet PM Ready Global Changemakers](#)**

**[Watch PM Ready Year 1 Story Video](#)**

## Workshop Reflection - Crafting Your Future: Building a Standout LinkedIn Profile



On December 16, social media marketing expert Dahlia El Gazzar delivered a workshop for high school and colleges students on building a standout LinkedIn profile.

Creating a LinkedIn profile can benefit high school and college students in several ways:

- **Networking:** It's a platform to connect with professionals, mentors, and potential future colleagues or employers. Building connections early on can be invaluable in the future.
- **Visibility:** A LinkedIn profile can showcase skills, achievements, and extracurricular activities, providing a digital portfolio for colleges and graduate schools, scholarships, internships, or part-time or full-time jobs.
- **Learning Opportunity:** It offers exposure to professional communication, etiquette, and industry insights, helping students understand different career paths and industries.
- **College and Graduate School Preparation:** Many colleges and universities use LinkedIn for recruitment. A profile can attract the attention of admissions officers and highlight a student's accomplishments.
- **Internship and Job Opportunities:** Some companies post internships or entry-level positions specifically targeted at high school or college students. Having a profile can make students more discoverable for such opportunities.

Overall, while not mandatory, a LinkedIn profile can be a strategic tool for high school students to begin establishing their professional presence and network early on.

**[SUBSCRIBE TO RECEIVE THE WORKSHOP RECORDING](#)**

## Leadership in Art Student Competition

The 2024 competition is hosted in collaboration with Colin Powell Academy in Fort Washington, Maryland and opens to CPA Grades K to 8 students only.



# 2024 Theme: Inspiring Sustainable change

Submit by February 29, 2024



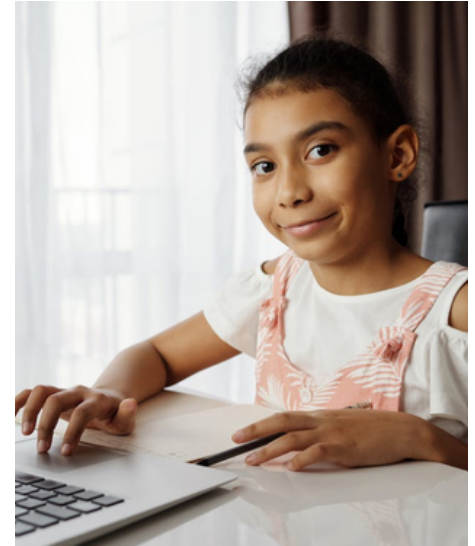
This competition aims to inspire artful leadership, harness the creative potential of students across diverse ages and cultural backgrounds, and promotes awareness of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Students who submit artworks will earn achievement certificates and valuable vouchers to local businesses.

Winners' artwork will be displayed at the Harmony Hall Regional Art Center in Fort Washington, MD from April 4 and 14 and at Oxon Hill Library in Oxon Hill, MD from April 15 to 30.

[View More Info and Submit Online](#)

## Announcing PM Ready Youth Mentorship Program



### Program Overview

The Youth Project Mentorship Program is designed to help students (aged 12-17) develop project management, leadership, and entrepreneurship skills. It provides guidance for students to start or manage a community service project during any phase of the project cycle from ideation to completion.

PM Ready will match individual students with Project Management Institute (PMI)-certified project professionals or experienced project managers. Throughout the mentoring process, project professionals and managers help students establish goals and develop the skills to deliver a project result that brings meaning to students themselves and their communities.

[Visit our Youth Mentorship Program webpage to](#)

**Read the Program Handbook**  
**Meet our Youth Mentors**  
**Brainstorm project ideas**  
**Apply to be a student mentee**  
**Apply to be a student mentor**

[Join a PM Ready Virtual Info Session to learn more](#)

## UPCOMING Virtual Events in January 2024

### Book Talk: Achieving Your Resolutions and Reducing Stress and Anxiety with Project Management



**Tuesday  
January 23  
7-8 p.m. EST**

**Speaker:** Hilary Kinney, author of *Project Management for Parents: Engage the Family, Build Teamwork, Succeed Together*

### PM Ready Info Session



**Saturday  
January 27  
8-9 p.m. EST**

Join this virtual info session to learn about

- What is PM Ready's mission?
- Why project management learning is important to younger people?
- How students of all backgrounds can benefit from PM Ready?

**[Register for Our Events](#)**



PM Ready is for everyone, no matter who you are.

We would like to work with students, professionals, scholars, industry and community leaders, nonprofits, and local businesses, to build an inclusive learning community. We also welcome collaboration from PMI Chapters and PMI-certified professionals to promote youth and social impact initiatives.

Join our cause and help us grow!

Become an ambassador with us.

Recommend a book on project management.

Share your project story.

Deliver your book talk to a diverse, intergenerational audience.

Offer a virtual lecture or workshop to youth.

Publicize your youth-facing projects, programs, initiatives, or internships.

Let us help you train your volunteers on project management.

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**[Join Our Cause](#)**