



Enrichment and Exposure

OYC Miami | Programs

Inspiring Civic Engagement **6-12 Grades | Families | Year Round**

Launched in 2022, the Inspiring Civic Engagement initiative provides middle and high school students with structured opportunities to learn about and actively participate in their communities. The program focuses on three core pillars: Voter Advocacy, So-cial Justice, and Global Citizenship.

Students participate in civic engagement workshops, community service projects, and structured discussions that explore topics such as civic responsibility, leadership, public policy, and social issues. The program also includes exposure trips and com-munity engagement activities that connect students with local leaders, civic institu-tions, and advocacy organizations. Through hands-on involvement and team-based projects, students develop leadership skills while learning how to engage thoughtfully and responsibly in their communities.

Arts and Culture Program **K-12 Grade | Families | Year Round**

OYC Miami's Arts and Culture Program provides structured instruction in visual and performing arts, giving students consistent, hands-on opportunities to develop cre-ative skills and cultural awareness. Students participate in classes and workshops in painting, drawing, sculpture, digital art, photography, dance, music, drama, spoken word, poetry, and podcasting. Throughout the year, participants prepare for art instal-lations, exhibits, and professionally produced performances, and complete at least two project-based showcases that apply their learning to real-world themes.

Beyond the classroom, students engage in cultural exposure through field trips and en-richment outings to museums, theatrical productions, musical performances, sport-ing events, nature excursions, leadership retreats, and service-learning experiences. These opportunities introduce students to diverse artistic traditions, cultural institu-tions, and community spaces, strengthening both creative expression and broader cul-tural understanding.

STEAM Initiatives **K-12 Grade | Families | Year Round**

OYC Miami offers STEAM activities to all of its students to help bridge exposure, ca-reer, and industry-specific gaps. Program offerings include, but are not limited to, Ro-botics, Genetic Studies, Project-Based Learning, Computer Science, Nature Studies, Engineering, Digital Arts and Design, Drone Technology, Culinary Arts, Aviation Stud-ies, and 3D Printing.

STEAM programming encourages students to combine critical thinking with hands-on application, allowing them to engage in both learning and doing at the same time. Family STEAM Nights are also offered to engage caregivers in the learning process and provide opportunities for families to explore STEAM together.

OYC Miami Summer Program K-12 Grade | 6 weeks (Monday – Friday)

OYC Miami offers a structured six-week summer program operating Monday through Friday, where students participate in full-day programming designed to keep them engaged, supported, and learning throughout the summer months. Each day includes academic support, character development, community service, fitness and recreation, visual and performing arts, STEM enrichment, health and wellness, college and career readiness, and field trips that provide exposure to new experiences and environments.

High school students receive additional support focused on postsecondary planning. During the summer, they prepare for the college entrance process, visit local colleges, universities, and technical schools, participate in community service, and attend financial literacy workshops. Eligible youth may also participate in paid, full-time summer internships through OYC Miami's partnerships with community organizations.

Honey Shine Mentoring Program K-12 Grade | Year Round

Founded in 2002 by Tracy Wilson Mourning, Honey Shine began as a volunteer-led initiative created to expose girls to healthy lifestyles and encourage balance of mind, body, and soul. As the need in the community and participation grew, the organization formalized as a 501(c)(3) to provide direct services through after-school programming, "Aspire to Shine" empowerment workshops, and summer programming.

In 2020, Honey Shine programming merged with OYC Miami and now serves as the gender-specific programming component of the organization. Honey Shine programming now takes place during full-day programming (in-school and after-school) and through select weekend activities. The program is designed to enrich and empower participants, affectionately called Honey Bugs, through the S.E.L.F. enrichment model: STEAM, Empowerment, Literacy, and Fitness.

Camp Honey Shine K-12 Grade | 6 weeks (Monday – Friday)

Camp Honey Shine is a signature component of Honey Shine programming, providing girls in grades K–12 with a high-quality, six-week summer experience. The camp operates as a full-day program, Monday through Friday, and is hosted annually at the beautiful campus of the Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart. All activities emphasize social and emotional wellness, as Camp Honey Shine continues the S.E.L.F. enrichment model in a safe, supportive environment led by dedicated staff and community partners.

During the six weeks, Honey Bugs have opportunities to:

- Build social, emotional, physical, and cognitive skills
- Develop values and a positive sense of self-worth
- Strengthen and express their voice
- Explore their interests and future direction through diverse enrichment activities, including dance, art, swimming, spoken word, literacy, health and wellness activities, character development, STEAM sessions, college and career readiness activities, and educational and culturally relevant field trips

Band of Brothers Programming K-12 Grade | Families | Year Round

Band of Brothers is a gender-specific initiative designed to provide structured mentorship and leadership development for young men participating in OYC Miami programming. The program creates a consistent space where participants receive guidance, accountability, and positive male role modeling.

Through year-round small group sessions, workshops, activities, and special events, young men focus on character development, self-esteem, cultural awareness, self-identity, college and career preparation, and strategies for navigating external pressures. Band of Brothers fosters a strong sense of brotherhood and responsibility, equipping participants with the confidence, discipline, and support system needed to succeed in school and beyond.