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NMH SUMMER SESSION

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Middle School Program
DIGITAL MEDIA MINOR COURSE

This course covered the basic functions of three major digital media mediums: internet usage, photo editing, and motion picture editing.

The first section of the course addressed the proper use of the internet. The students learned how to utilize the internet in the best way for informational and educational usage, along with how to use it for personal enjoyment. Some specific skills they learned were how to properly use a search engine, how to use special search techniques and shortcuts, how to utilize social media, and how to locate images and videos. The first section was capped off with a giant internet scavenger hunt, during which the students could only use two words in a search engine in order to find the necessary subject.

The second section of the class focused on photo editing. The students learned the fundamentals of iPhoto and a photo editing website called Picnik.com. They then applied their newly acquired skills to images collected from the internet and images taken with a digital camera. With these images, they edited and arranged the images in iMovie to create a story/slideshow, and began to explore the editing features of iMovie. They completed several small projects that required them to use at least 10 to 15 edited photos, collected from both the internet images and those taken from a digital camera. After finishing, each student presented his/her story/slideshow to the class.

The third unit of the course centered around motion picture editing. Each student came up with an idea for a short film, put this idea into writing, and shot video around campus to edit. This project required effective organization, story presentation, and incorporation of some earlier skills learned from iPhoto, Picnik.com, and iMovie. After finishing, each student presented his/her video to the rest of the class.

The course met for an hour and a half, four afternoons a week, for the five-week session.

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