

IADT Chicago ‘Make a Difference Day’ Projects

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Students were placed in teams of 2 or 3 for this project, as part of their IN101 course.

Team A: Cynthia Blandford, Deshanna Page, Brandi Blowers “Plastic Man”

This team recognized that most of the vending machines in the school supplied drinks in plastic bottles instead of cans. They decided to raise awareness of the abundance of plastic waste that is produced when we consume drinks and then throw away the bottles. They produced ‘Plastic Man’, a life sized model fabricated with plastic bottles and tape. He holds a recycling bag that students can leave their plastic waste in and statistics regarding the enormity of the plastic waste problem cover his body.

Team B: Samantha Trudgian, Rahnea Irk, William Rochon “Projector/Screen Hook”

Sam, Rahnea, and William noticed that in several of their classes the instructors did not have remote controls available to turn on the digital projectors in the ceiling. The instructors either had to climb on chairs or ask very tall students to turn them on for them. They designed a device with a peg on one end (for turning on the projector) and a hook on the other (for pulling down the screen). When not in the use the device was installed on the wall, out of the way.

Team C: Julie McKenna, Yvette Ivy, Nathan Miller “Sidewalk Compass”

Julie, Yvette, and Nathan recognized that in the area surrounding IADT it is relatively easy to know which way you are going because Lake Michigan runs along the east side of this downtown area. However, once individuals leave downtown and travel to Chicago’s vibrant neighborhoods it is very easy to exit the subway station and be completely turned around. Their solution was to create various temporary ‘compasses’ on the ground outside several stations, so that people leaving the station could simply look at the ground to find their bearings.

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