Problem

How can we help students gain recognition for the skills they develop outside of school?

Many students are developing skills in leadership, public speaking, and professionalism outside of traditional education settings. There are currently few effective ways to integrate this learning with academia or beyond, therefore students often go unrecognized for such achievements.

Solution

Digital badges give students the ability to quantify and display their achievements for credit or recognition.

Case Study

The Discovery Corps Program

At the Pacific Science Center, youth in the Discovery Corps program become leaders in science and presentation, developing crucial personal and professional skills that they would not have otherwise developed in school.

We worked with the PSC to design a digital badge system that would reward students as they progress and also give them a way to take their achievements beyond the program.

Students would be issued career badges as acknowledgement of the jobs they perform in the program and would be issued skill badges that they can use to showcase to a broader audience.

Badges

Career Badges

For advancement at the Pacific Science Center

Skill Badges

To display for potential employers and higher education

Example Skill Badge

Prototype design for the Pacific Science Center case study; students can see the badges they’ve earned and can share to other platforms