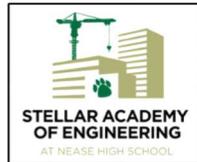


April Newsletter

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Academy Students and Parents,

As we move through the final quarter of the year, a note to the Academy students...do your best to stay focused throughout testing season, try your hardest, and keep your eyes on the prize – summer vacation!

In this month's newsletter we're sharing accolades for some of our Academy students and instructors!

Jaime Combs
Career Academy Coordinator

ENGINEERING INSTRUCTOR SELECTED FOR SUMMER GRANT

We are proud to offer a huge congratulations to Stellar Academy of Engineering instructor Morgan Hunter, whom was selected by Fund for Teachers as a 2017 Fellow. Ms. Hunter submitted a proposal to *Discover the evolution of structural components and architectural styles by exploring the design and history of civil engineering and architectural achievements in Spain, Greece, and Italy.*

From thousands of applications from across the country, Ms. Hunter's proposal stood out as one that will bring relevant knowledge and skills back to her students. She will travel to Spain, Greece, and Italy this summer to study civil engineering, which she will utilize when teaching the Academy's Civil Engineering and Architecture course next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SENIOR FIELD DAY

April 13th, 6th and 7th periods

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS/TEACHERS

April 14th

SENIOR GRAD BASH

April 21st

INTERIMS RELEASED

April 24th

FREE TUTORING AVAILABLE

If you need extra help in any subject, the National Honor Society offers free tutoring during Power Hour every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, as well as tutoring after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, in the Media Center. Nease provides Activity Buses on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so students have late transportation home, if they are zoned for Nease.

Students can get extra help in any subject you're struggling with. We encourage students to take advantage of this help as you move into End of Course Exam and Final Exam season.



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NEASE'S COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY STUDENTS BRING HOME NATIONAL TV PRODUCTION AWARDS



During the last week of March, 13 of Nease's Advanced Television Production Wired students travelled across the country to test their skills against some of the best in the nation at the 13th Annual Student Television

Network Convention in Anaheim, California. The STN convention officially began on Tuesday the 28th with the famous Crazy 8s contest. With multiple categories to choose from, schools had 8 hours to plan, produce, shoot, edit, and deliver a video project. The entire team of Wired students chose to play to their strengths by participating in the Morning News category, which paid off with a 1st Place win in the nationally recognized competition. With the prompt "The Non-Disney Side of Anaheim" the students broke into 4 groups and took to the streets to find stories that didn't revolve around the huge Disney resort in Anaheim. For their lead news story, Tyler Moilanen interviewed local business owners to discuss the economic impact of conventions on the local community. Across town, Emily Ducote pitched a story on the Anaheim Angels spring training with the stadium in the backdrop. To wrap up the newscast, Aubrey Deitch covered the beginnings of Anaheim at the Historic Mother Colony House. The main anchors, Taylor Wilson and TJ Tomkunus, brought the whole show together with great energy from in front of the bustling Convention Center.

Wednesday was filled with ample learning opportunities as the students attended instructional sessions covering various forms and practices in media production led by industry leaders. Wednesday night Wired students accepted the Southeast Regional Award for Broadcast Excellence for a show that was produced in November of 2016.

On Thursday, the students once again broke into contest mode, with three smaller groups participating in timed contests. The Movie Trailer group had the prompt "incognito" which turned into a 60

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second comedy thriller featuring spies. The Commercial Group had a universal selfie stick provided by Xsories to make a 30 second spot. Both groups had 6 hours to produce the projects, with 4 hours of production time and 2 hours of edit time with no adult support. The third group participated in Anchor team, in which the Anchors are given a wire copy (summarization of news stories) and must present the stories in an interesting way without adding information or editing tricks. This team won an honorable mention and had a turnaround time of only 2 hours. That night the team celebrated with dinner and adventure through downtown Disney.

Friday featured the awards ceremony where the students received the fruits of their hard work. The Crazy 8's award was the last award presented to some very ecstatic Nease students who took the stage to close out the ceremony. After the HUGE wins the Nease team joined up with Creekside High School students who also attended the convention, and the two St. Johns teams travelled to Huntington Beach for some shopping, eating and respite. The students walked the pier, watched a surf competition, and checked out a truly west coast beach. All in all, the convention was a bonafide success, with Nease students learning from industry professionals, competing and winning in nationally recognized events, and deepening professional relationships with their peers. Next year's STN Convention will be held in Nashville, Tennessee.

If you would like to see the work produced by our students at the STN Convention, visit this link:

<http://teachers.stjohns.k12.fl.us/cooler-j/stn-2017/>
