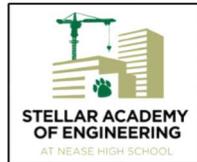


February Newsletter

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Academy Students and Parents,

As we move through the second semester, our students have been taking advantage of opportunities to further their knowledge of the career fields they're studying. Field trips and special events, like the recent SOUPer Bowl, allow our students to get a first-hand look at the careers that await them beyond high school. Read on to learn more about what the Academy students have been up to, and how they can get even more valuable experience in the field through summer internships.

Jaime Combs
Career Academy Coordinator

ACADEMY OF HOSPITALITY & TOURISM AND COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY STUDENTS TAKE PART IN SOUPERBOWL EVENT



On February 2nd, hundreds of people purchased tickets and made their way to Nease's cafeteria, which was transformed into an event space like no other. Organized by IB Boosters, and with the help of Blessings in a Backpack, Publix, more than 20 restaurants, and local companies, the

SOUPER Bowl event raised over \$32,000. All proceeds go directly to the St. Johns County Blessings in a Backpack program, which benefits local children in need. For the SOUPER Bowl, collaboration between Nease High School, Valley Ridge Academy, Bartram Trail High School, St. Johns Technical High School, Palencia Elementary, and Webster Elementary led

UPCOMING EVENTS

TEACHER INSERVICE DAY (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)

February 17th

PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY

February 20th

JUNIORS CAN APPLY FOR SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Current Juniors can apply for summer internships with local businesses in the Communications, Hospitality & Engineering fields. This is a great chance for our Academy students to get experience in the field they're studying while earning community service hours, or getting paid. Internship packets are available from Mrs. Combs, in the main office. Applications must be turned in by Thursday, February 16th.

ORDER ACADEMY GRADUATION CORDS

Academy seniors are eligible to order special cords to wear during Nease's graduation ceremony. Students can sign up to buy a cord in March. Keep an eye out for details via Naviance and Wired. Cords typically cost \$8. The payment will be due upon cord pick-up in April/May. But, students must sign up in March to order a cord if they would like one.

to the creation of hundreds of ceramic bowls, allowing each guest to take home a memento from the event.

Event organizers asked Communications Academy Digital Design students to create the printed materials for the event, and 30 Academy of Hospitality and Tourism students volunteered during the SOUPer Bowl, assisting the chefs, welcoming guests, and working booths.



Additionally, students who attend the Academy of Culinary Arts at St. Johns Technical High School, which is the sister Academy to Nease's Academy of Hospitality and Tourism, also played a role in the event. Student chefs created and served their own original-recipe Mulligatawny soup. Students from Valley Ridge's Culinary Club also presented an original-recipe vegetable soup.

If you'd like to see photos from the event, they can be accessed via this link: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/147301252@N02/>

FIELD TRIPS

THE STELLAR ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING

On January 31st, Engineering Academy students travelled to the Fleet Readiness Center Southeast, located at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, to tour the F/A-18 Hornet Strike Fighter Aircraft Production Line. The trip was organized by Advisory Board member Alexis Alexandris, and allowed our students to get a first-hand look at how the jets are maintained and repaired. Students also got to visit the Industrial Manufacturing Division and the materials labs; at each stop our students had the chance to speak with engineers. The students learned how military aircraft are dismantled for repairs, how new parts are created (including via 3D printing), and how engineers and scientists work to diagnose problems with the aircraft.



On February 9th, our Principles of Engineering students visited St. Augustine's City Hall to learn how civil engineering and local government work together. In a field trip organized by



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ACADEMY PROBATION POLICY

A reminder that Academy students sign a contract at the beginning of each year stating that they will maintain certain academic and behavioral standards in order to remain in an Academy program. Academy students must maintain a total GPA of at least a 2.0, and must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA (75%) in an Academy class. A student in an Academy must also maintain a good discipline record.

In accordance with district policy, if a student does not meet these requirements, he/she will be placed on probation for a semester. If, at the end of that probation period, he/she does not have a GPA which meets the requirements, or fails to have an improved discipline record, the student will be removed from the Academy. If an Out of Zone student is removed from an Academy, he/she will be transferred back to his/her zoned school.

FREE TUTUORING AVAILABLE

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



Advisory Board member Reuben Franklin, a civil engineer with the City of St. Augustine Public Works department, students learned how engineers, archeologists, and landscape architects often come together when renovations take place in historic St. Augustine. At City Hall students had the chance to look over plans for an upcoming \$300,000 water main construction project on Charlotte Street and learn about how engineers utilize GIS software. Then, Mr. Franklin led the group on a tour of downtown St. Augustine. They stopped at Aviles Street, the oldest street in the United States, where they learned about some of the history behind the street, and a former renovation project. Next, the group met up with the City Archeologist, Carl Halbirt, who took the students to Charlotte Street, where burial sites were recently discovered both under the street, and under a neighboring business. The students were quite surprised to get such a close up look at the recently discovered bones of some of St. Augustine's earliest colonists. The students learned how archeologists work with engineers to ensure that historical sites are documented and disturbed as little as possible when construction or renovation projects take place. Finally, the students learned about some of the challenges associated with the Charlotte Street water main project, and then took a stroll over to the seawall, where they learned about the engineering behind the seawall, and how it held up during Hurricane Matthew.



COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY



On February 2nd, Communications Academy TV Production students travelled to PGA Tour Entertainment Studios, located in World Golf Village. The trip was organized by members of our Advisory Board, Jackie Petty and Chris Sinclair. Students toured the production and post-production facilities, which included the studio and control room, and met professionals in the industry. PGA Tour Entertainment also treated the students to lunch (always appreciated by hungry teenagers), during which time the students got to speak with PGA employees who also happened to be Nease graduates.

On February 9th, Cady Studios generously offered to host Nease's Digital Design and Yearbook students for a day-long event at their Lake City facility. Upon arrival, the students were taken on a tour of the facility by the Customer Service Manager. Students got to see the customer service, photography, retouching, and printing departments. Then, they headed to the conference room where employees spoke about their jobs and roles in the company, including: customer service, photography, retouching, branding, and being school a



representative. The students were provided with several examples of the many different branding examples that Cady Studios has done for the schools they represent. Next, Cady Studios generously fed the students pizza and allowed them to utilize their break room, including the pool and ping pong tables. After lunch, they were given the opportunity to have their pictures taken by their photographers. From there, those photos were given to the retouching department where students got to see firsthand how the graphics department takes the photos and make them look print-ready. They removed braces and scars, lightened/darkened pictures to ensure the best quality of the photos, and even turned a student into a zombie. It was a great trip which allowed students from Digital Design and Yearbook to get a first-hand look at how the skills and theories

learned in class are used in the field. Cady was incredibly hospitable and we thank them for offering to pay for charter bus transportation, which allowed the students access to their awesome facility.

ACADEMY OF HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

The Academy of Hospitality & Tourism has two exciting field trips coming up. On February 16th, students will travel to the Sawgrass Marriott Resort, to get a tour of the updated property, as well as work with individual departments. In the departmental breakouts, students will learn how the different sectors function and how they work together to provide their guests a stellar experience while at the resort. Then, on February 28th, students meet with the Executive Director of Colonial Quarter and the St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum, to learn what goes into running a successful tourist attraction.
