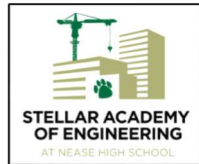


## February Newsletter

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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 opportunities that await them beyond high school. Read on to learn more about what the Academy students have been up to!

Jaime Combs  
Career Academy Coordinator

### COMMUNICATIONS AND HOSPITALITY ACADEMY STUDENTS LEND A HAND TO HELP MAKE THE SOUPER BOWL A SUCCESS



On February 1st, 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 Publix, Sysco, more than 20 restaurants and local companies, the SOUPer Bowl event raised over \$29,000. All proceeds go directly to the

St. Johns County Blessings in a Backpack program, which benefits local children in need. Academy of Hospitality & Tourism students helped in organizing the event, worked as hosts and assisted the chefs. Communications Academy Digital Design students created all the printed materials for the event, designing brochures and posters to contribute to the look of a professional event. Additionally, students who



### DROPPING AN ACADEMY FOR 2018-19

If an Academy student would like to drop their Academy for the 2018-19 school year, the student and parents must fill out an Academy Drop Form. Email Mrs. Combs at [Jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us) for the form.

This form must be turned in before an Academy course will be removed from the student's projected schedule for 2018-19.

Also, if the student is attending Nease as an out-of-zone Academy student, and wants to drop his/her Academy, that student will have to return to their zoned school, per district policy, for the 2018-19 school year.

### ACADEMY GRADUATION CORD ORDERS COMING NEXT MONTH

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 a Naviance email 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 for graduation.



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 delicious original-recipe soup. Students from Valley Ridge's Culinary Club also presented an original-recipe soup to

share with patrons. As a memento, all guests got to take home a custom-designed bowl. Hundreds of bowls were created by students for the event, as a result of collaboration between art programs at multiple St. Johns County schools.

## FULL SAIL UNIVERSITY BRINGS HIGH-TECH TOYS TO NEASE



On January 31<sup>st</sup>, Communications Academy students were invited to take part in a unique opportunity, when Full Sail University brought their college tour to Nease's campus. All Digital Design and TV Production students were invited to tour the Full Sail Bus, which was packed with the latest video game, design, film and audio equipment. Full Sail graduates

met with the students to talk about majors featured by the college, and then let Academy our students get hands-on with all the equipment on the truck. Students got to mix concert and film audio, work on 3D designs, test out video games created by students, and learn more about the University.



## TELEVISION PRODUCTION STUDENTS VISIT PGA TOUR ENTERTAINMENT STUDIOS

On February 15th, Communications Academy TV Production students traveled to PGA Tour Entertainment Studios, located in World Golf Village. The trip was organized by members of our Academy Advisory Board, Jackie Petty and Chris Sinclair. Students toured the production and post-production facilities, which included the studio and control room,



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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.

## GETTING EXTRA HELP FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

If your student needs extra help in any subject, the National Honor Society offers free tutoring after school, every Monday and Wednesday, in the Media Center.

Also, students can get extra help from their teachers during Excel Time, every Tuesday and Thursday.



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.

## ENGINEERING FIELD TRIPS EXPLORE ANCIENT ENGINEERING BREAKTHROUGHS AND MODERN CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY



In January, Civil Engineering and Architecture students traveled to the Museum of Science and History to explore their visiting exhibit, "Ancient Rome: Epic Innovators and Engineers." Students were able to view and get hands-on with artifacts of ancient technology, reconstructed using designs dating back from the height of the Roman Empire. They learned about how Rome conquered much of the ancient world through military ingenuity, oversaw feats of construction, and pioneered technological innovations that still impact our lives today.

In February, Stellar Academy of Engineering Juniors and Seniors recently attended Construction Careers Day of Northeast Florida. The event was open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in careers in Construction and/or Engineering, and took place at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center. It included more than 100 businesses offering hands-on exhibits, trade show booths, lessons on large-scale construction equipment, and opportunities for students to interact with professionals in the fields of Construction and Engineering. In addition to the great, hands-on learning opportunities that the students enjoyed, any junior or senior who attended is now eligible to apply for the Construction Careers Day college or vocational scholarship during their graduating year.

