

March Newsletter

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Academy Students and Parents,

The third quarter is behind us, and we are heading into the final stretch of the 2018-19 school year. Students, remember to stay focused as we move through the final quarter and testing season. Seniors, make sure to pre-order your Academy graduation cord before April 5th! See the important details below.

Read on to learn about the opportunities that Academy students have enjoyed in late February and March.

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SENIORS CAN PRE-ORDER ACADEMY GRADUATION CORDS FROM MARCH 25TH- APRIL 5TH

Academy seniors are eligible to order special cords to wear during Nease's graduation ceremony. If a senior is interested in pre-ordering an Academy graduation cord, they must sign up in the front office. Cords typically cost \$8, and the payment will be due upon cord pick-up in May. Students must sign up by April 5th to pre-order a cord if they would like one. The "Academy Grad Cord" pre-order poster sign-up sheet will be located in the front office starting on March 25th. Engineering Academy students get red cords, Academy of Hospitality & Tourism students get aqua cords, and Communications Academy students receive blue cords. Again, if a student does not pre-order a cord by April 5th, the student will not be able to get a cord when the delivery arrives. Sign up on the Academy Grad Cord Pre-Order list in the front office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING BREAK

March 18th-22nd

LAST DAY TO PRE-ORDER AN ACADEMY GRAD CORD

April 5th

LAST DAY TO MAKE ELECTIVE CLASS CHANGES FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

April 30th (this includes dropping an Academy Program)

WANT TO DROP AN ACADEMY FOR 2019-2020?

If you want to be released from an Academy program for 2019-2020, you must submit a Program of Choice Drop Form to Mrs. Combs no later than April 30th.

The forms can be printed from the Academy website at www.neaseacademies.com.

This form must be submitted if you want to drop membership to the Communications, Engineering or Hospitality Academy for 2019-2020. Once the form is received, the academy course will be removed from your course requests. When you turn in a drop form, please indicate what elective you would like to replace your Academy course.

ENGINEERING ACADEMY STUDENTS VISIT CONSTRUCTION AND CAREER DAYS

Stellar Academy of Engineering Juniors and Seniors recently attended Construction and Career Days of Northeast Florida. The event was open to 11th and 12th graders who are interested in careers in Construction and/or Engineering, and took place at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center. It included more than 80 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 and Careers Days college or vocational scholarship during their graduating year.

RANGE OF CAREERS ON DISPLAY DURING SAWGRASS MARRIOTT FIELD TRIP



Recently, students from Nease's Academy of Hospitality & Tourism enjoyed a unique field trip experience at the Sawgrass Marriott Resort. The students were the first field trip group to visit "Bee Hill," a micro-farm created by Sawgrass Marriott chef Matthew Sanchez. The farm, which includes

a vegetable garden, bee hives, a quail enclosure and a chicken coop was quite the site to see, hidden in some woods on the Marriott's property. The students learned about sustainable micro-farming, and got to get up close and personal with the bees, chickens and quail. Following their trip to Bee Hill, the students were treated to lunch while learning about the different departments that manage the resort and its grounds. The students had the chance to meet the General Manager, Todd Hickey, and learn about his professional history. They also got to meet the resort's Director of Food and Beverage, Director of Event Management, Director of Recreation, Director of Finance, and Director of Loss Prevention. After lunch, the students were presented a common scenario



faced by the Sawgrass Marriott...preparation for The Players Championship. The students worked in groups to come up with as many ideas as they could to best plan and prepare to serve their guests during the event. This was an awesome



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ACADEMY PROBATION POLICY

A reminder that Academy students agree to 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.

Letters were sent home following the release of first semester report card grades, to make students and parents aware of probationary status for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

field trip, and we thank our Advisory Board member, Aziza Fisher, HR Generalist at the Marriott, for coordinating the event.

DIGITAL DESIGN STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT FLAGLER MAJORS THAT FIT THEIR INTERESTS



Digital Design students got a glimpse into college life when they toured Flagler College recently. The students enjoyed a full tour of the campus, learned some of its history and had a chance to sit down with a panel of Flagler Communications students to learn about the school's majors and the opportunities that a private liberal arts college can provide to its students.

