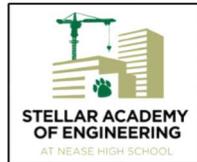


November Newsletter

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Academy Students and Parents,

With fall comes field trips, and the Academy students have enjoyed quite a few unique learning experiences recently. This month's newsletter highlights the trips which have taken place recently.

Students, be sure to take part in our specialized guest speaker events! During our Excel Time Session A events, Academy students can come hear from professionals working in the industry now, to learn what it takes to be successful in the fields of Engineering, Communications, and Hospitality. The events are announced in Academy classes, and emails are sent home via Naviance.

I wish you all a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday!

Jaime Combs
Academy Coordinator

FIRST COAST NEWS ANCHOR ANTHONY AUSTIN CO-ANCHORS NEASE'S WIRED NEWSCAST



The Nease Communications Academy's Award-Winning daily newscast, *Wired*, recently featured a special guest, First Coast News Anchor Anthony Austin. *Wired*'s Executive Producer, Communications Academy student Connor Dunwoodie, reached out to Mr.

Austin to share details about our news program, and invited him to come co-anchor one of the daily broadcasts. Mr. Austin graciously agreed, and joined the *Wired* crew for the filming of a news show on November 16th. Beyond that, he stayed to be a guest speaker in one of the Advanced

UPCOMING EVENTS

THANKSGIVING BREAK

November 22nd-24th

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS FIELD TRIP

November 30th

MIDTERM EXAMS

December 18-21st

INTENT TO RETURN PROCESS

In December, all Academy students will be asked to indicate if they want to remain in their Academy for the 2018-19 school year by signing an Intent to Return roster. If the student checks "Yes," that student will be automatically re-enrolled in the Academy for 2018-19. If an Academy student checks "No" on the roster to indicate that he/she does not want to continue in the Academy next year, a form will be sent home for the student and a parent to sign, confirming that the student would like to be removed from the Academy for 2018-19.

In regards to Out of Zone students, district policy states that Out of Zone Academy students no longer have to fill out an Out of Zone Waiver each year. Simply being on an Academy roster acts as the student's Out of Zone waiver.

Television Production classes following the show. That evening Mr. Austin featured Connor on First Coast News at 6, as he shared his experience in the Wired studio live on the air, and discussed some of the program's accomplishments with Connor.



You can watch the special edition of Wired at this site:

<https://vimeo.com/243325345>

COMMUNICATIONS AND HOSPITALITY STUDENTS ENTER THE ARENA OF SPORTS MARKETING



On November 14th, 27 Communications Academy Sports Media, Digital Design, and Hospitality Academy Marketing students loaded onto a bus and headed to the Veterans Memorial Arena for a first-hand look at the new Jacksonville IceMen hockey team. The students attended the IceMen School Day Hockey Field Trip event, along

with an Arena-full of other students from around our area. Not only did the students get to watch the game, but also took home a souvenir hockey puck and educational guide. In addition to the game, the IceMen Director of Group Events and Operations set up a special Arena tour for our students and a meeting with the President of the IceMen, Bob Ohrablo, who discussed his background, the marketing behind bringing a new team to our city, and offered advice to our students.

STELLAR ACADEMY STUDENTS SEE THE IMPACT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING



In a field trip organized by Stellar Academy Advisory Board member Reuben Franklin, the new City of St. Augustine Mobility Program Manager and long-time civil engineer for the City of St. Augustine Public Works department, students learned how engineers and different levels of government come together when renovations take place in historic St. Augustine. At City Hall, students had the chance

to see the latest project plans for the city. 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 completed renovation project. Next,



GET EXTRA HELP DURING EXCEL TIME, NHS TUTORING

Students who have a D or F in any course are required to attend Excel Time help sessions in any subject they are failing. But, as we move closer to mid-term exams, all students are encouraged to take advantage of the extra help time built into each Tuesday and Thursday Excel Time schedule.

During Session A, students can get help in: Social Studies, Math, Electives and Academy courses

During Session B, students can get help in: English, Science and World Language courses

Students can also get peer tutoring by NHS students in any core subject after school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Media Center.

HOW CAN PARENTS GET INVOLVED?

If you work in the fields of Communications (TV Production or Digital Design), Engineering, or Hospitality and Tourism, we would love to invite you in as a guest speaker, or as a potential field trip site host.

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the group headed to Charlotte Street, where the next major renovation project will start up in 2018. The students then learned about the history and engineering behind the seawall, and discussed how it held up through Hurricanes Matthew and Irma. Finally, a lesson on the renovation of Hypolita Street. This field trip provided a fantastic behind-the-scenes look at civil engineering in the real world.

HOSPITALITY ACADEMY STUDENTS LEARN REAL-WORLD RESERVATION SOFTWARE



Recently, students in the Technology for Hospitality and Tourism class traveled to the Hilton Garden Inn – Ponte Vedra, to learn about the software the hotel utilizes daily. Students met with hotel manager, Chuck Schoonmaker, who organized the trip. He took the students on a tour of the hotel, discussed the use of reservation software, and shared the newest technology impacting the hotel industry, including a newly-released app which allows guests to check in on their phone as use their phone as a digital room key. After the students got some hands-on time learning the reservation software, the students got a look at the *Customer Really Matters* system, which tracks customer records and

preferences. During a lunch and learn provided by the hotel's adjoining restaurant, Mulligan's Pub, the students learned about the hotel's *On Q* rate and inventory software, and Hilton GRO, which utilizes an artificial intelligence revenue system. The trip was an incredible learning experience for our students!



GUEST SPEAKER EVENTS IN ENGINEERING AND HOSPITALITY



John Nevin, a civil engineer with Goodson Nevin and Associates, visited the Engineering Academy on October 31st to share some insights into the industry with our students. Mr. Nevin brought copies of plans to show the students, discussed site and land development, and described how civil engineers and architects work together. He also answered questions and gave the students advice regarding finding success in engineering. In our Hospitality and Tourism classroom, Dr. Zac Cole was featured as a guest speaker on November 9th. Dr. Cole is Flagler College's Hospitality and Tourism professor. He discussed Flagler's recently-added Hospitality and Tourism Management major, shared information about his background in the industry, and offered his thoughts on skills needed to find success as a professional.

STELLAR ENGINEERING PROJECT INNOVATION TEAM TAKES 3RD PLACE IN DISTRICT COMPETITION

Following a victory in Nease's Project Innovation competition, team Building Block Architecture moved on to the district competition for Project Innovation on November 16th. The Engineering team, comprised of Captain Richard Bachmann, Maanasi Vadlamani, William Mitchell, Collin Gee, and Musa Ahmed, presented their unique idea in front of a panel of judges at Ponte Vedra High School. Their concept was the creation of customizable, mobile apartment units, which can be moved to and from specialized apartment complexes worldwide. Competing against 8 other teams from around the district, Nease's team came in 3rd place overall. Congratulations! We would also like to thank Engineering Academy Advisory Board members Alexis Alexandris, Will Lyon and Andy Hall for serving as judges in the Nease competition.

