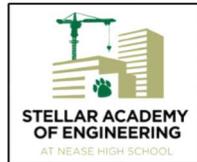


October Newsletter

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Academy Students and Parents,

While we're always striving to make sure our curriculum mirrors industry trends in Communications, Engineering, and Hospitality & Tourism, nothing inspires our students more than seeing the skills they learn in the classroom reflected in the real world.

So each year, we work to present opportunities that give our students a first-hand look at the career fields they're studying in an Academy. We bring professionals into the classroom and take students into the business world. This month's newsletter provides information on some of our fall field trips and guest speaker events.

Jaime Combs
Academy Coordinator

HOSPITALITY STUDENTS GO ON FLAGLER LEGACY TOUR



Aligning with their curriculum studying the past, present, and future of the Hospitality and Tourism industry, Academy students traveled to Flagler College this month to embark on the Flagler Legacy Tour. The tour featured a Flagler College student guide sharing the history of the Hotel Ponce de Leon, built by Henry Flagler. Students learned

about Flagler's specific choices in designing the hotel as a winter getaway for the wealthy, and got insight into the preferences of tourists throughout

UPCOMING EVENTS

LINKCREW-LED STUDENT TAILGATE

October 20th

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS FILED TRIP FORMS DUE TO FRONT DESK

October 27th (if we do not reach 150 students before then)

REPORT GRADES LIVE ON HAC

October 31st

NEW EXCEL TIME SCHEDULE

As only about one-third of our students were consistently taking advantage of Excel time daily, Nease will be moving to a hybrid model for Excel time in the second quarter. Starting on Monday, October 23rd, Nease will have 2 assigned lunches on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday and a 60 minute Excel time for all students on Tuesday and Thursday. Since Excel time will not be offered every day, we are hoping that students will utilize the time appropriately 2 days a week. Excel time will be broken into two sessions, A and B, with certain subjects offering help each session, so that students can organize their time and take advantage of the extra help.

its history. Students toured the courtyard, lobby, dining room, and ladies parlor, all filled with beautiful art, tiffany glass, and amazing history. Following the tour, students met with Dr. Zachary Cole, Flagler's Hospitality and Tourism professor, to learn about Flagler's recently-added Hospitality and Tourism Management major. Dr. Cole shared details about the program and introduced several Flagler students involved in the major, so that Nease's students could learn more about what Flagler has to offer.



ENGINEERING AND DIGITAL DESIGN STUDENTS EXPLORE SALLY CORP



Recently both our Communications Academy Digital Design students and our Engineering Academy students had the opportunity to tour Sally Corporation, a 40,000 square foot facility dedicated to designing, creating, and engineering characters and environments for theme park ride. The local company was founded 35 years ago and serves clients all over the world. The tour started with an interactive game experience which highlighted the type of theme park ride environment the company

creates. Then, on to the design office, where graphic designers create the theme park ride environments and characters. Students were told that the Sally Corp designers ideally have 2 or 4 year art degrees, and we got to see samples of what the artists are currently working on. Then, to the sculpting room where characters are molded; and finally to the production floor, where the Stellar Academy students had the chance to see the engineering that goes into the creation of the animatronic characters. On the production floor engineers, carpenters, set designers, and costume designers all work together to create their characters, which can be as small as an animatronic bird or as large as a full-sized Joker on a tricked-out motorcycle. Overall, it was a fantastic experience which showed how Engineering and Graphic Design can come together to create magic.



NEASE ACADEMIES ANNUAL UNIVERSAL STUDIOS FIELD TRIP

Communications Academy, Stellar Engineering Academy, and Hospitality & Tourism students join forces for one BIG field trip each year to Universal Studios. On November 30th, the students will attend the Universal Studios Youth Program Business Learning Series Seminar, focused on establishing personal and professional leadership skills. Following the seminar, the students enjoy bonding time in both Universal Theme Parks. We have reserved three charter buses and can accommodate 150 students this year. The field trip costs \$115 to cover the charter bus, Universal Studios 2-Park ticket, and Business Learning Seminar. If your student has a 2-Park Universal Season Pass, a payment of \$32 covers the bus and seminar. A student with a season pass must bring that pass with them on the field trip. If forgotten, that student will have to purchase a full-price ticket at the gate to get into the tour and parks. Field trip forms are available from all Academy teachers, and must be turned in, with a check made out to Nease, to the front desk. Field trip forms will be collected until we fill up the 150 available spots, or until our deadline of October 27th (if not filled beforehand).

INTRODUCTION TO ENGINEERING STUDENTS SEE MECHANICAL ENGINEERING IN ACTION AT WHETSTONES FACTORY



Introduction to Engineering students got their first taste of Academy field trips with an expedition to the Whetstones Chocolate Factory on King Street. The students learned about the company's founder and former engineer, Henry Whetstone. Connecting the field trip to the curriculum, Introduction to Engineering Design students learn about mechanical engineering and processes in class, and the opportunity to see a small factory setting reinforced that curriculum. The

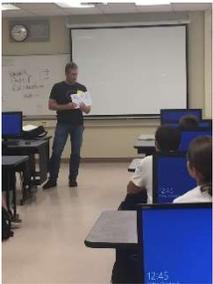
students also had the chance to sample several chocolates, which made this field trip even sweeter.

COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY GUEST SPEAKER EVENT

This year Nease's logo got a new look, thanks to an original design by The Dalton Agency's Chief Creative Officer, Patrick McKinney. At Mrs. Kunze's request, Mr. McKinney designed an original, copyrighted logo for Nease, which is the first of its



kind. Mr. McKinney came in to speak with Communications Academy Digital Design students, who studied Nease's past logos and analyzed the new one in class. During his visit, Mr. McKinney discussed the design process, talked about the importance of sketching and typography, answered questions about the logo, gave insight into the design industry, and offered advice to students who plan on moving forward into college and career.



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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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