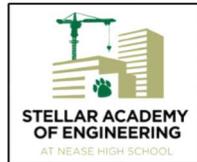


## September Newsletter

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Academy Students and Parents,

I hope that everyone and their families fared well during Irma, with no or minimal damage following the storm. I think it's safe to say that we're all ready for Hurricane Season to come to an end.

As the first semester continues, we are certainly looking forward to starting up the many unique opportunities we offer to our Academy students. We have class projects, competitions, guest speakers and field trips filling up our calendar. Field trips are set to begin at the end of this month. Students will learn about these field trip opportunities in their Academy classes.

We will also be offering monthly Excel Time guest speakers for our Academy students, so that Nease's future professionals can learn from those who are finding success in their targeted industry now. Emails will be sent home via Naviance regarding guest speakers, and the opportunities will be shared with the students in their Academy classes as well. I hope that your student takes advantage of all the enrichment activities which will be offered through our Academy programs this year.

Jaime Combs  
Academy Coordinator

### INSIDE THE CAREER ACADEMY CLASSROOMS

What's been going on in the Communications, Engineering, and Hospitality classes in the first month of school? Our Academy teachers catch us up on what has been happening inside the classrooms.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### HOMECOMING GAME

September 22nd

#### HOMECOMING DANCE

September 23rd

#### END OF 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER

October 13<sup>th</sup>

#### NEASE COLLEGE FAIR

October 18<sup>th</sup>

### SPOTLIGHTING STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

*The Palencia Press*, a newspaper which is delivered to all the residents in the Palencia neighborhood, is looking to spotlight Nease Academy students and student groups.

Each month the paper features a Palencia resident who is helping to make a difference in the community. They also like to highlight any student clubs/groups who are doing something to make our community or planet a better place. If you know of any students who would be a great feature for the paper, please email Jaime Combs at [Jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

## ST. JOHNS COUNTY ACADEMY OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

### **Tara Cushman – Digital Information Technology, Introduction to Hospitality and Tourism, Technology for Hospitality and Tourism, Marketing Management for Hospitality and Tourism**

The St. Johns County Academy of Hospitality and Tourism has been busy the first month of school. Our Technology in Hospitality class has just finished up their Planning and Budgeting project for a Disney vacation. Using the Microsoft 2016 Suite they were able to create a travel itinerary for a family of four, staying within their family's given budget, to Walt Disney World. Students got to experience firsthand all the details that a Disney Vacation Specialist has to take into consideration when planning a trip and how a having a tight budget makes planning ahead very important. Meanwhile, our Intro to Hospitality class has been practicing the importance of Consistent Quality Service and how much good (or bad) service can effect a business. As we move through September we will be learning about the past of tourism, especially here in St. John's County, and how important the Tourism Industry is to Florida. The Marketing for Hospitality and Tourism class has been learning about Marketing Mix and how it relates to service providers. They have been looking at local businesses and assessing their Marketing Mix and creating strategies for the businesses to better fit the needs of their clients.

## STELLAR ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING

### **Tim Gilboy -- Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering**

In Mr. Gilboy's Stellar Academy of Engineering courses, classroom procedures were established, the classes discussed engineering application with much emphasis on Hurricane modeling and predictions using statistics and data, and other engineering processes and procedures. The students worked on measurements, units, and engineering math. Introduction to Engineering Design (IED) students also spent time learning about the engineering design process. Principles of Engineering (POE) students started working on the district-wide Project Innovation competition and are getting an introduction to the various Engineering disciplines in the industry. The POE students were also invited to take part in a field trip to Sally Corporation at the end of the month, to see how the company designs, creates, and manufactures animatronic characters for theme park rides.



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## PONTE VEDRA RECORDER IS LOOKING FOR A STUDENT JOURNALIST

The Ponte Vedra Recorder is looking for a student journalist to cover Nease sporting events for the newspaper. If you're a student interested in seeing your work in professional print and building your journalism portfolio, call the Editor of the Ponte Vedra Recorder, Jon Blauvelt, at 904-686-3943.

## FREE TUTORING AVAILABLE AFTER SCHOOL

The National Honor Society offers free after-school tutoring to students each Monday from 4-5 pm and each Wednesday from 3-4 pm. Students can get help in any subject, and do not need to make an appointment. Parents, keep in mind that Activity Buses are no longer offered, so students who stay late would have to be picked up or drive themselves home (if they have a Nease parking permit)

## Morgan Hunter -- Introduction to Engineering Design, Civil Engineering & Architecture

In Miss Hunter's Stellar Academy of Engineering courses, classroom policies and procedures were established, the classes discussed characteristics of engineering while completing team-building challenges, and they overviewed the courses for the year. Introduction to Engineering Design (IED) students started with reviewing measurements, units, and engineering math. They got an introduction to AutoCAD and the evolution of technology and engineering. Next, they will begin exploring the design process and will be invited to attend a field trip to tour the Whetstones Chocolate Factory to study their design and production process. Civil Engineering and Architectural (CEA) students started with a college research project where they compared the entry and scholarship requirements for various universities and created a promotional flyer for one. They got an introduction to Revit and the evolution of civil engineering and architecture. CEA students are also currently working on the district-wide Project Innovation competition as well as working on a design project for the courtyard next to Panther Hall. Soon they will be invited to attend a field trip to take a civil engineering tour of downtown St. Augustine.

### COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY

#### Holly Bourquin -- Journalism (Newspaper)

Journalism 1 students have been learning the basics of print journalism and news writing. They began the year by considering the question, "What is News?" Students have also studied what makes content newsworthy, the basics of news writing, and are now, for the first time, working on understanding how to identify "fake news" as well as its impact on Journalism. Journalism 5, is an honors level course and the class that produces Nease's newspaper, The Vertical, and Happenstance, an annual literary magazine. The students are already hard at work on the first issue of The Vertical for this school year. Students are also actively recruiting advertisers and sponsors for our publications. Both publications are fully self-funded through these student-led efforts. If you're interested in becoming an advertiser or sponsoring our publication, please let us know.

#### Holly Farson – Journalism (Yearbook)

Yearbook 2018 is off to an exciting start! The theme is really coming together and we have 40 students on staff this year. I'm thrilled to be working with a super motivated editorial staff and a lot of new staffers (I have 15 returning staffers and 15 new staffers.) I have to say that this is one of the most upbeat groups I have had the privilege of working with in my four years of advising yearbook. They are always ready to learn something new every day they walk in the door. We are just about to assign spreads and I can't wait to see the creativity that they add to each page of the



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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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10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Mr. Jerry Hurst

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grades, Parking, Safety Drills

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Athletic Director

Mrs. Angie Stricklin

Athletic Secretary



book! Upcoming events are Underclass Picture Day on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> and a Photo Shoot at Cady Studios for our Senior Superlatives in October. Many thanks to Jaime Combs to chaperoning a field trip with me to UNF on September 6<sup>th</sup>. We took 27 Yearbook students to a Herff Jones workshop to learn about Yearbook design, marketing, and

eDesign techniques. It was a super successful trip.

**Jacqueline Soto – Digital Information Technology, Digital Design 1-3**

We have hit the ground running this year in the Digital Design program! In Digital Information Technology, students have earned their Digital Literacy and Responsibility certification through Everfi! After that, we have officially began our industry certification journey and are now embarking in all things Microsoft Word. In Digital Design 1, we are currently learning just how important Copyright Laws are to the design process. In Digital Design 2, students are finishing up their Copyright Lawsuits debates, where they took real-life copyright infringement lawsuits and attempted to argue their way through it, as the Plaintiff or Defendant. Digital Design 3 students are about to start that project, as well. This is a fun way for students to take the information and facts that they've learned and relate it to real-world situations! The students of Digital Design 4 are currently conducting research on careers in Digital Design and completing a spreadsheet budget on income vs expenses in that particular career. Welcome to the "real world," Digital 4!

**Justin Cooler –Advanced TV Pro (Wired)**

Advanced TV Production, A.K.A. *Wired* classes, have been back in action producing a daily news show that's gotten a great response from students and staff! Students have been adjusting to a new work flow this year and additional responsibilities for the show and are coming along great! The studio space has also been reorganized to include a brand-new cyclorama, which will be used as another set piece for the show. The students completed two full weeks of *Wired* shows, which air every day online and are broadcast over the school's closed circuit. *Wired Daily Shows* can be viewed on Mr. Cooler's Teacher website.

**Geoff Stephens – TV Production 1, Advanced TV Pro (Sports Media)**

The TV Production 1 students have been learning about the history of television and television terminology. In preparation for their first video project, they will learn shot composition and start learning how to use the professional editing software, Premiere Pro, in the next few weeks. Many fun and creative group video projects will follow. Sports Media students have filmed at every Varsity match-up of every fall sport this year. They



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You can also find great information on the guidance website:

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have already started logging dozens of hours of Nease sports video and are accumulating highlights for football, cross country, golf, volleyball, swimming, and cheerleading.